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THE following documents have been chiefly taken from the Registers of the Privy Council of Scotland, and the Records of the City of Edinburgh. A desire of becoming acquainted with the rights and privileges of the Officers of the Scottish Household, and, among those, of the Usher of the White Rod, first prompted a research into the ancient Records of Scotland, and the collection of a great mass of old documents. These, relative to the Coronations, *Ridings* of Parliament, Visits, Progresses, Marriages and Baptisms of our Scottish Kings, present a lively picture of the ancient manners, customs and ceremonies of our forefathers, and tend to elucidate the remote history of this ancient kingdom.

It has been thought advisable to publish extracts from some of the most curious and valuable of these documents; and, for this purpose, a large collection, carefully compared with the original records, has been arranged, and is nearly in a fit state for publication. To render the work complete, assistance has been asked, and kindly granted, by many of the most learned Antiquaries of our island, and documents have been examined in various parts of Scotland.

The visit of His Majesty **GEORGE IV.**, to Edinburgh, has induced the Compiler to publish a specimen of the Work, confined to the Receptions of our Sovereigns, at Edinburgh, from the landing of **MARY**, Queen of Scots at Leith, in 1561, to the *Welcome* of King **CHARLES II.** in 1650. He considers this a fit opportunity to give the public a knowledge of some of these documents, as, at this time, they will be peculiarly interesting. An account of the reception and progress of His MAJESTY on the present occasion, which, the Compiler anticipates, will equal in splendour, any of those of our ancient Kings, will form an appropriate Appendix to the Work.

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ROYAL RECEPTIONS

AT

EDINBURGH.

Mary, Queen of Scots.

NOTICES FROM THE RECORDS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, RELATIVE TO THE QUEEN'S RECEPTION.—1561.

*August 26, 1561. **

THE quhilk day the Provost, Baillies, and Counsall, Banquet. and Dekynis findis gude that for the pleasour of our Soverane, and obtening of hir hienes favouris, ther be

* On this occasion the Queen “ was attended on from Paris unto Calis with manie noble men ; namelie, hir six uncles, the Dukes of Guise and Daumall, the cardinall of Lorraine and Guise, the grand prior, and the marquesse Dalbeuf, also the Duke de Nemeurs, and other of hir friends and kinsmen.

“ There were two gallies prepared, and certeine other ships to go with hir into Scotland, and there went with hir three of hir said uncles, the duke Daumall, the grand prior, and the marquesse Dalbeuf; also mon-

A

ane honorable banquet maid to the Princes hir graces
cousingis upon Sonday nixt, and siclike, with all de-
ligence, the triumphhe to be maid of hir gracis entrie
within this town, and for furnessing and payment herof,
willis ane generall taxt to be rasit of the haill town, and
thairfor requyris the saids Dekyns answer and consent
to the said taxt, quha desyrit licence to convene thair
craftis, and to report thair answer the morne.

Aug. 27.

The quhilk day the Provest, Baillies, Dene of Gild,
Thesaurer, &c. being all togidder convenit in the Coun-
sallious, Archibald Douglas, provest, requyrit of the

The Queen arrived at Leith. sieur Dannille, the constables sonne, and diuerse other. She arrived at Leith the twentith day of August, in the yeare of our Lord 1561, where she was honorablie receiued by the earle of Argile, the lord Erskin, the prior of saint Andrews, and of the burgesses of Edinburgh, and conueied to the abbeie of Holie rood house. For (as saith Buchanan) when some had spread abroad hir landing in Scotland, the nobilitie and others assem- bled out of all parts of the realme, as it were to a common spectacle.

F. Thin.
Buchanan.
lib. 17. “ Being thus come out of France, she brought into Scotland manie rich and costlie jewels of golde worke, pretious stones, orient pearls, and such like, as excellent and faire as were to be found within Europe, with rich furniture of houshold, as hangings, carpets, counterpoints, and all other necessaries for the furnishing of hir princelie houses. The chiefest part of the hangings, and other furniture of houshold, was shipped at Rone, and arrived at Leith in the moneth of October next following.”— *Holinshed's Chronicles.*

Costlie
jewels.

Hir hous-
hold stufte

saidis dekynis thair answer concernyng the banquet and triumphe to be given this day, conforme to ye ordinance above written, quho desyrit Thomas Ewyne goldsmith, to be hard for thame and the haill craftis, to quhome they had gevin commission to report the said answer, and to speik for thame this day, quhilk at the desyre of the said Dekynis was acceptit be the said Provest, Bailies, and Counsale.

The quhilk day Thomas Ewene, deken of the goldsmiths, for himself, the remanent dekynis, and haill craftis, as procurators constitut be thame, answerand to the desyre of the act and propositioun maid yesterday be the Provest, bearing, that for the honour and plesour of our Soverane, it wes thought gude that ane banquet sould be maid upon Sonday nixt to ye princes our said soveranis kinsmen, and siclike with all diligence the triumphe and propyne to be maid rady at her hienes entrie within this toun, and for the perfurnissing and furthsetting herof, thinks gude ane generall taxt be sett and collectit of ye haill nichtbouris. The said Thomas Ewyne, in name forsaid, ansuerand as said is, that rather or the quenys grace be propynit at this tyme, with ony propyne be ane taxt quhilk soll engender murmur, that rather the propyne be not given, and thairfor grantis nocth to the taxt, bot rather quhat sal be de-

bursit upon the banquet, triumphhe, or propyne, be tane and upliftit of the readiest of the commoun gude: And gif ye commoun gude will not serve, fyndis that the commoun mylns or borrow landis sould be set in takis, fre male, or analiit to thame that will gif maist thairfor, at leist to ye availe of 2400 merks; And quhatever the chairges of ye said banquet, triumphhe, or propyne will extend to above ye said 2400 merks, consentis ane taxt be set thairfor, and gif it wer 5000 merkis for the quenys grace honour, the craftis shall pay thair part thairof, and otherwayes thay will grant to na taxt, and heirupon the said Thomas askit instrumentis.

The samen day David Kynloch, dekin of ye baxtaris, desyris the commoun mylns to be sett in assedatioun to the craftis for certaine yeires, upon sic sowmes as thay could agrie, And thay shall furnis the haill charges of the triumphhe, banquet, and propyne, and utherwayes grants to na taxt.

The samen day the Provest, Baillies, Dene of Gild, Thesaurer, and Counsall forsaid, fyndes it sal be voitit quhidder the saids chairges sal be upliftit be taxt or be setting or analeing of the commoun mylns and commoun landis, And requyris the saids Dekynis affirmative or negative to gyf thair votis, quhilk thay refusit other-

wayes nor according to thair protestation of befor ; and the said Provest, Baillies, Counsale, and utheris above writhin being monyast in nowmer, fyndis the samen sould be votit, quhais votis being requyrit according to the commoun order, all in ane voice consentis and willis ane generale stent to be maid upoun all nyctbouris occupiaris within this burgh, merchants, craftis, and utheris. And sa sone as the comptis of the said banquet, triumph, and propyne may be gottin in according to the samyn, the said extent to be set with diligence. And the saidis Dekynnис votis being requyrit as said is, disassentis as of befoir. And the said Thomas Ewyne, procurator forsaid, protestit that, in sa far as the said Deykinis consentit nocht to the said extent, that they sould nocht be haldin nor compellit to pay ony paift becaus as he allegit na extent nor taxt within the burgh mycht be raisit by the awise of the craftis.

The samyn day, the Provost, Baillies, and Counsall, ^{Banquet.} ordanis Louke Wilsoun, thesaurer, with all diligence possible, to mak preparatioun for the banquet and triumph : and the expensis debursit therupoun, sal be refoundit to him of the first of the taxt, or utherwise, the gude toun soll releif him thairof, at all hands, to quhom sal happen be detoured therfor.

Aug. 28.

Liverays
Officers.

Ordainis Louke Wilsoun, thesaurer, to deliver to every ane of the twelf serjants, the javillour and gild serjants, als mikle Franche blak as wil be every ane of thame ane coit, als mikle blak stemmyng as wil be every ane of thame ane pair of hois, and every ane of thame ane blak bonet, agane the tyme of the triumphhe, and the samyn sal be allowit to him in his comptis.

Ordainis the said Thesaurer to furnis and deliver to Patrick Schang, wricht, and Walter Byning, tymmer, canves, and all uther necessaris convenient for the triumphis and farceis at the over Trone, Tolbuith, Croce, Salt Tron, and Nether-Bow, & the samyn sal be allowit.

Velvot
gownis.

The samyn day, the Provest, Baillies, and Counsale, ordanis Alexander Guthrie, commoun clerk, Louke Wilson, thesaurer, Mr James Watsoun, dene of gild, James Barroun, James Adamson, Alex^r Park, James Jhonson of Kellobank, James Stevenson, Adam Stevinson, and Alex^r Achisoun, every ane of thame to have and make ane goun of fine blak velvot, syde to thair feet, lynit with pann velvot, ane coit of blak velvot, ane doublat of cramosyne satyne, with velvot bonet and hois effeirand thairto ; and thir tuelf to beir the pale

abone the Quenis Grace head, and nane utheris. And all the uther nyghtbouris that sal be sene upon the gait to have syde gownis of fyne Franche blak sychtit, with pan velvot coittis of velvot and doublettes of satting; and every man to gang in his dew and gude ordour. And the serjandis to ordour the calsay, and to mak rowme for the nobilitie and nyghtbouris forsaid. And siclike, that the young men of the toun devise for thameselfis sum braw abulyement of taffatie or other silk, and mak the convoy befoir the cairt triumphant.

Ordanis Louke Wilsoun, Thesaurer, James Adamsoun and Alexander Park, to pas to my Lord Earl of Mortoun and the Laird of Lethingtoun, and mak end and aggrie with them for thair Copburddis to be propynit to the Quenis Grace, and to be actit and cum gude for the prices and payment thairof, to be payit at sic dayis as they can agrie; and the said Provest, Baillies and Counsale, obligis thame to relief thame thairof.

Aug. 29.

The quhilk day, It is statut and ordanit be the Provest, Baillies, and Counsale, that proclamatioun be maid throw the town, be sound of bell, charging all maner of persons that lies furnist ony thing to the banquet and

triumph, that they produce and gif in thair comptis the morne anys on the day before the Counsale; and ordanis the said Counsale to be auditors thairof; & to allow & disallow, as they sall think gude on thair conscience.*

Sept. 3.

*Extent of
4000
merks.* The quhilk day, the Provest, Baillies and Counsale, efter avisement with the lairge and great sowmes contenit in the Comptis debursit upon the Banquet, Triumphe and Propyne to the Quenis Grace, quhilk will extend to the sowme of 4000 merks, or thairby, Ordanis conforme to the ordinance maid of before, that ane general extent be set and liftit of all the nychtbouris of this burgh, bayth merchant and craftsman to the quantitie of the said sowme of 4000 merks; and with all diligence, to be collectit and debursit for the relief of the creditors furnissaris of the necessaris of the said Banquet, Triumphe and Propyne.

* On the 31st of August, 1561, the banquet was given; and on the 2d of September, the Queen made her public entry into the city; and remaining only a few days, set out on the 11th September, from Holyroodhouse to Linlithgow palace, in her progress to Stirling, Perth, Dundee, St Andrews and Falkland.—(*Chalmers's Life of Queen Mary.*)

The following Lines are extracted as a specimen of the Poetry of the olden time ; and are not inapplicable to the purport of this work, as it was usual to welcome the arrival of great persons with poetic addresses :—

ane new zeir gift,

TO THE QUEENE MARY,

quhen scho come first hame, 1562.

Welcum, illustrat Ladye, and oure Quene ;
 Welcum oure lyone, with þe *Flour-de-lyce* ;
 Welcum oure thrissill, w^t þe *Lorane* grene ;
 Welcum oure rubent roiss, vpoun þe ryce ;
 Welcum oure jem and joyfull genetryce ;
 Welcum oure beill of *ALBION* to beir ;
 Welcum oure plesand *Princès*, maist of pryce ;
 God gif þe grace aganis þis guid new-zeir.

* * * * *

Latt all thy realme be now in reddines,
 With coistlie clething to decoir thy corss ;
 Zung gentilmen for dansing þame address,
 With courtlie ladyes cuplit in consorss ;
 Frak ferce gallandis for feild gēmis enforss ;
 Enarmit knychtis at listis w^t scheild and speir,
 To fecht in barrowis bay^t on fute and horss,
 Agane thy Grace gett ane guid-man þis zeir.

This zeir salbe imbassatis heir belyffe,
 For mariage, frome princes, dukis, and kingis ;

This zeir, w'in thy regiou恩 sall aryfe,
 Rowtis of the rankest pat in Europ ringis ;
 This zeir bayt blythnes and abundance bringis
 Naveis of schippis outthro't the sea to sneir,
 With riches, raymentis, and all royall thingis,
 Agane thy Grace get ane gude-man pis zeir.

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l'envoy.

Prudent, maist gent, tak tent, and prent þe wordis
 Intill this bill, with will thame still to face,
 Quhilkis ar not skar, to bar on far fra bawrdis,
 Bot leale, but feale, may haell, avaell thy Grace ;
 Sen lo, thow scho pis to, now do hes place,
 Receive, [and] swaif, and haif, ingraif it heir :
 This now, for prow, þat pow, sweit dow, may brace,
 Lang space, with grace, solace, and peace, this zeir.

lectori.

Fresch, fulgent, flurist, fragrant flour, formois,
 Lantern to lufe, of ladeis lamp and lot,
 Cherie maist chaist, chief charbucle and chois ;
 Smaill sweit smaragde, smelling but smot of smot ;
 Noblest natoȝ, nurice to nurtour not,
 This dull indyte, dulce, dowble, dasy deir,
 Send be thy sempill servand SANDERIS SCOTT,
 Greeting grit God to grant thy Grace gude zeir.

[ALEX^r. SCOTT.]

King James the Sixth.

DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE RECEP- TION OF THE KING AT EDINBURGH, 1579.

I.—NOTICES FROM THE RECORDS OF THE TOWN-COUNCIL, PREPARATORY TO THE KING'S RECEPTION.

Aug. 26, 1579.

THE quhilk day, the provest Robert Kar, Robert^{Triumphc.} Dik, and William Adamsoun, baillies, Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, Mr John Prestoun, James Ros, Alexander Clark, John Johnstoun, David Williamson, Thomas Aikinheid, and Adam Craig of the counsell; the Dekyns of the barbouris, skynneris, surrouris, cordineris, masonis, baxteris, tailzeouris, wobstaris, fleschouris, goldsmythis, hammermen, condiscendis and aggreis all in aine voce, preparatioun be maid for the Kingis triumphe, and to the expenssis to be maid theron, and

vpoun ane propyne to be maid to his Hienes at his heir cuming, and assigns the morn be sax houris to convene to this effect.

Aug. 27.

Extent of
4000
punds.

The samyn day, they all in ane voce condiscends unto ane extent of four thowsand punds to be raisit of all the nychtbouris of this brugh, alsweill craftsmen as merchandis, for making of ane copburde of syluer ourgilt, to the Kingis Majestie, and uther triumphis, agane his cuming to this brugh.

Copburde. The samyn day, they ordaine the baillies, Mr John Prestoun, Alexander Clark, Henry Nesbett, William Littyll, Mr Archibald Grahame, John Arnott, Nicoll Vduert, and Alexander King, for the merchantis partis, and for the craftis part, Robert Henrisoun, Michaell Gilbert, and Patrik Broun, to convene at twa houris efter none, and devyse the ordour of the copburde and triumphe to the Kingis Majestie.

Aug. 30.

The quhilke day, William Adamsoun, Gilbert Dik, and Robert Kar, baillies, Lucas Wilsoun, dene of gild, Mr John Prestoun, William Littill, Alexander Clark, James Ros, John Roberts oun, Henry Charteris, John Johnstoun,

and Thomas Aikinheid, of the counsall ; Robert Henri-soun, Patrik Broun, and Michaell Gilbert, for the craftis, ordanis as of befoir, that ane copburde of syluer ourgilt, of wecht vnderwrittin, be maid and prepared with diligence, to the Kingis Majesties cuming to Edinburgh, viz.

Ane basene and ane lawer weyand sax scoir vnces,
 Twa flaketis of viij pundis wecht,
 Sax coupis with coveris, everilk ane of four therof, to
 wey tuenty aucht vnces, and vther twa of tuenty
 four vnces the pece,
 Four chandleris of sax scoir vnces,
 Ane saltfalt of tuenty four vnces,
 Ane trunchour of tuenty vnces,
 Ane dozon of trunchouris at x vnces the pece,
 Summa vj sax scoir vnces.

And this wark gevin, to be made rady with all diligence, to Eduard Hertt, Thomas Anand, George Hereot, Adam Craig and William Cokky, goldsmythis, and thay to work the samyn in sic decent and substancial maner as sal be thocht expedient be the visitouris and oversieris appoynted to the veseing therof of the tounis merk, and that the samyn to be compleit agane the day of nixt to cum. For the quhilkis causis the saidis Provest, Baillies, Counsell and Dekyns, ar bund to furneis to the saidis goldsmythis in dew tyme, sic sufficient wecht of sylver as

may best serve thair turn, for the mair haistie outred therof; and the saidis goldsmythis to haif for the making and ourgilting of everilk once of the said wark, to be made be thame, fyve shillings Scotis at the completing of the said wark. And siclike ordanis the Baillies to provyde sylver, and upon the prices to be gevin therfoir the saidis Baillies to give thair obligatiounis to thame quhome fra thay resave the said sylver, and they to relieve therfor.

Sept. 4.

Visitors
Maister
of the Hie
Schools
tragedie.

The samyn day ordanis Mr James Lowson, minister, William Littill and John Johnstoun, to pas to the Hie Scule of this brugh, and vesie the maister of the Hie Scolis tragedies, to be maid be the bairnis* agane the Kingis heir cuming, and to repoirt.

Sept. 11.

Black
Gownis.

The samyn day the Provest, Baillies, and Counsal foirsaidis, understanding the tyme of the Kingis Majesties entrie to approche, and to the effect for decoration of this burgh it behovis certain honest nychtbouris to be honestlie apparrellit in clothing agane that tyme: Thairfoir, all in ane voce, they have concludit, statute & ordanit, that all sic of the merchants of thisburgh

* It will be recollected, that the King was at this period only thirteen years of age.

as ar extented to ten lib. or above, have everilk ane of thame ane goun of fyne blak chamlott of silk of cierge, barrit with velvous efferand to his substance. And all sic as ar extented aboue saxtene lib. to have thair gounis of the lyke stuff, the breistis thairof lynit with velvous and begaireit thairwith with coitis of velvous dames or satene ; ilk persoun under the Payne of tuenty pundis unforgevin, to be applyit to the common markis ; and that they have the samyn in readynes within tuelf dayes nixt heirefter, under the Payne of wairding. And the copy heirof to be delyverit to the Dekynis of Craftis for ordouring of the Craftis in lyke manner.

Sept. 14.

The samyn day the Baillies and Counsall foirsaidis ordanis the Dene of Gild to mak ane loft in the eist end of the kirk, and the expensis to be maid be him theron sal be allowit to him in his comptes.

Ordanis the Thesaurer to prepair daillis, sparris, and uther tymmer to be in readynes for upputting thairof in sic places as sal be thocht at the Kingis entrie, and the expensis sal be allowit.

Commandis and ordanis ane goun of fyne blak be maid to Archibald Grahame, thair maissier, agane the

Kingis entrie, and the samyn to be begareit with twa barris of velvous, and the breists thereof lynit with satene, ane doublet of blak satene, ane pair of blak hois begareit with velvot, and ane taffatие hatt or velvot bonett.

Commandis and ordainis, that everilk ane of the xiij officeris have, agane the Kingis Majesties entrie, ane lyvery, viz. thrie elnis of blak Inglis stemmyng, to be thame hois, vj quarteris of Rowane canves, to be their doubletis, ilk ane of them, and threttyne shillings four pennies to furneis pasmentis, together with ane blak hat, and ane quhyte string, and the poirter of the Westpoirt siclyke, and siclike to pay for the making therof.

*Paill of
Purpour
Velvout.*

Ordanis ane Paill of blew velvot of sevintene elnis of purpour, and lynit within with reid tafatие, and the baillies to tak ordour anent the making therof, agane the Kingis entrie.

Ordanis Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, to cause wesche the over and nether, to wyt, his and the laiche counsall hous, with calk, and the expenses sal be allowit to him in his comptes.

Triumph. Ordanis Robert Henrison, chirurgeon, and Robert

Kar baillie, to speik the Frenche man, using William Stewart for his opinion in devyse of the triumphe agane the Kingis heir cuming.

Sept. 18.

The samyn day fyndis, that as the rest of the ordinar officeris of this brugh ar ordanit to have an clething agane the Kingis Majesties heir cuming, that according to the Baillies devyse, the tounis sueschour to have ane in lyke maner.

Sept. 30.

The quhilk day Archibald Stewart, Provest ; Robert <sup>Provestis
Guard.</sup> Kar, Rychart Abercrumby, and Gilbert Dik, and William Adamsoun, baillies ; Lucas Wilsoun, Dene of Gild ; Androw Stevinsoun, thesaurer ; James Ross, Mr Johnne Prestoun, Alexander Uduert, Johne Robertsoun, David Williamsoun, Johne Johnsoun, Thomas Aikenheid, James Forman, Johne Wilky, Adam Craig, Edward Hert, William Littil, Henry Nesbet, of the Counsall, Ordanis ane missive with all diligence to be sent to the Kingis Majestie, with the provests servand, to know his hienes mynde, quhither this toun soll meit him in armour or nocht, and Androw Stevinsoun to pay to him fourty shillings for making of his expensis to Lynlithqw and thither.

Leith protestation. The samen day, the Provest, Baillies and Counsall foirsais, ordanis William Adamsoun, and Rychart Abercrumby, baillies, and John Johnsoun of the Counsall ; togyther with John Guthrie, clark, to pas doun to Leith with all diligence possibill, and in the tounis name, as superiouris thairof, to desyre the inspectioun of thair chairge gevin to thame be the Kingis Majestie, to meet his hienes in arms, to quhome they give powar in their names protestatiouns to mak, &c. Quha, conforme to thair permission, past doun, and inquyrit of Walter Cant, and John Thomsoun, baillies of the said toune of Leith, in presence of Mr John Prestoun, George Johnstoun, James Nicholl, James Prestoun, of the said toune of Edinburgh, Androw Logane, Thomas Smalum, John Lufe, Androw Lamb, John Williamsoun, in Leith ; the command to be shawin to thame, quha answered they had nane in writt, bot be tong ; and John Johnstoun, in name foirsaid as superiour, dischraigit thame to pas furth in armour, because the samyn was contrair the tennour of the proclamatioun, and na warrand was shawin, and protested, that in sa far as they shew na commissioun be writ, the gude toune, as superiouris, suld be free of the paynes contenit in the said proclamatioun maid on manonday last ; and that they war cul-
pable in disobedience, in sa far as afoir thair out-pas-
sing and putting thameselues in armour, they aduer-

teisit nocht the toune therof, and that therby the toune war harmeles and skaythles of the paynes contenit in the said proclamatioun, and that in sa far as they past fordwart, but thair command, thay war nocht to ansuer therfor, &c.

Oct. 2.

The quhilk day Archibald Stewart, provest ; William Adamsoun, Rychart Abircrumbȝ, and Gilbert Dik, baillies ; Lucas Wilsoun, dene of gild ; James Ros, thesaurer ; William Littill, Henry Nesbett, James Ros, Henry Chairteris, John Robertson, John John- soun, James Forman, Thomas Aikenheid, and Adam Craig, of the counsall, and John Wilky ; together with the deyknis of the barbouris, hammermen, fleschouris, cordineris, tailzeouris, maisonis, wobsteris, bonetmak- eris, goldsmythis, skynneris, furrouris : Ordanis the provost, four baillies, Mr John Prestoun, and John Johnsoun, of the counsall, Robert Henrison, and Ro- bert Abircrumbȝ, for the deyknis, to pas down to the abay to the Kingis Majestie, to give ane ansuer to the propositionis of my Lord Rothes, and the provest of Dundie, anent the election of the Magistratis the yeir to come.

Commissioners
to pas
to the
Kingis
Majestie
in the
Abay.

The samyn day ordanis Robert Kar and Gilbert Dik, baillies, together with Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, and Robert Henrisoun, chirurgeon, to tak ordour with wrychtis for upsetting of daillis and uther tymmer on the Nether bow, and uther places needfull, for decoring of the toune, agane the triumphhe to be maid to the Kingis entres, and the expensis to be maid theron to be allowit.

Oct. 7.

The samyn day Ordanis every ane of the thretty twa honest nyghtbouris of this brugh, comburgesses therof, efter mentionat, appoynted for bering of the Kingis Majesties paill, to be chairgit be the officeris to mak and prepair ane goune of fyne blak, barrit with welvous, lynit in the breistis with welvous, or gounis of fyne chamlott of silk, growgrane of silk or cierge, barrit with velvous, velvet coiles, or doubletis of saiten velvot, or dames tafetie hatis, and in sic uther decent apparrell as efferis; and that the samyn be ready within aucht dayes, and the baillies to tak visitatioun therof; ilk person under the Payne of fourty merkis unforgevin; and the baillies to tak diligent laubouris to se the samyn be nocht omitted, and to uplift the said un-law of the faillaris heirin but favouris.

Followis the names of the honest nychtbouris appoynted to beir the paill at the Kingis entrie to this burgh.

James Adamsoun	John Moresoun
William Adamsoun	Johne Howesoun
Richart Abircrumby	James Nicoll
Gilbert Dik	William Hairvy
Robert Kar	William Nesbett
James Inglis	Alexander Scott
John Jhionnsoun	William Mauld
Michaell Gilbert	Robert Hereis
Henry Chariteris	Patrick Cochrain
John Arnott	Mark Kar
Androw Sklater	Robert Gourlay
John Robertsoun	Johnn Fairlie
John Mayne	William Symson
John Wilky	Francis Kynloche
Mr Michaell Achesone	Robert Abircrumby.
Thomas Aikenheid	

The samyn day ordanis Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, to by sa mekill calk as will spargan all the tolbuythis, and the expensis thairof sal be allowit to him in his comptes.

The samyn day it is statute be the bailies and counsell foirsaid, that all manner of persons hawand ony cruvess for swyne at thair stairis and syde wallis, forment the hie streit or common vennellis, and siclike that

hes myddingis and fulzie collected, or hes tar barrellis on the hie streitt, as alsua ony red stanyis or tymmer on the said hie streit or common vennellis, remove the samyn therof incontinent betwix and Setterday nixt at seven, ilk persoun under the Payne of fyve pundis, but favouris, Certefieand thame and they failzie, the said un-law sal be uplifted, and thair persons put in waird, there to remaine on their awn expensis, ay and quhill the said vnlaw be payit, and farther induring the saidis Juges willis, for their contemptioun.

Oct. 8.

The samyn day the Baillies and counsall ordanis the four auld baillies, together with John Mayne, William Fairlie, and John Wilky, of the counsall, to tak ordour with the gilting of the copburde with expedition, and to prepair gold to that effect.

Oct. 14.

The samyn day ordanis the thesaurer, Androw Ste-vinson, to fie pynouris to schule in the muk outwith the West Port, be the advyse of William Littill, baillie, and the expensis to be allowit.

The samyn day ordanis proclamatiounis to be maid be sound of tabourin throw this burgh, commanding

all the inhabitantis thereof to hing their stairis with tapestrie and ares warkis on Fryday nixt, and that nouther be nycht nor day ony fyre ballis, fyre arowis, or uther ingynes of fyre be castin be ony maner of personis heirefter, and for removing of red tymmer, suyne and beggeris of the toune, under the Payne of puneshment of their personis at the will and discretion of the Jugis.

Oct. 16.

The quhilk day Alexander Clerk, provest, Henry Nesbett, William Littill, Robert Kar, and John Adamson, baillies, Lucas Wilson, dene of gild, Jame Ros, thesaurer, William Adamson, Gilbert Dik, John Johnsoun, John Mayne, James Formain, John Fischar, Rychart Abircrumby, John Wilky, of the counsall, together with the dekyns of the barbouris, baxteris, fleschouris, talizeouris, skynneris, furioris, wobsteris, bonet-makaris, wrychtis, appoynjis auditouris to the comptes of the extraordinar expensis maid upoun the triumphe.

The samyn day ordanis the said thesaurer to delyver to euery ane of the trumpetouris quhilk convoyit the Kingis Majestie the day of the triumphe, fourty shillings, making in the haill aucht pundis, and the samyn sall be allowit.

*Black
Gounis.*

The samyn day ordanis the baillies to put the act maid agains sic as suld have had the blak gounis to the Kingis triumph to execution, and to uplift of the disobeyaris therof the unlaw contenit therin, with certification to thame, and they be negligent in this behalf, the samyn sal be tane of thamselfes.

Oct. 29.

The samyn day, Ordanis the four men appoynted to oversie the gilting of the copborde, to assist Henry Nesbett, baillie, to mak the compte therof, with the makeris and gilderis thairof, and quhat beis found awand efter the futing of the compte, the baillies of the yier past to satisfie the saidis goldsmythis, with the rediest of the extent raisit upoun the nychtbouris of this brugh to that effect, resaving their acquittances of sa mekill as they sall resave.

The samyn day ordanis Robert Henrisoun, chirurgeon, collectour of the craftis pairt of the extent of sax thowsand merkis, raisit upoun the haill inhabitantis of this brugh, for making of the expensis to the Kingis entrie, to delyver to Eduard Hertt, goldsmyth, the soume of fyve hundred merkis of the rediest of the said extent, to be destributed be the said Eduard to him and the remanent goldsmythis, workares of the

copburde presented to the Kingis Majestie, and the said Eduard to be answerable to thame therfoir, and this precept sall be ane sufficient warrand to the said Robert Henrisoun.

The samyn day ordanis William Adamsoun, baillie Violeris
Sangsteris. of the yeir past, to delyver to the violeris and sangsteris at the Kingis entrie abone the Over Bow, the soume of thre pundis for thair dayes wages thairof, thretty shillings to the violeris, and thretty shillings to the sangsteris, and the samyn sal be allowit to him in his comptes.

The samyn day ordanis Richart Abircrumby, baillie Halbert-
men. of the yeir past, to delyver to William Littill, baillie this yeir, the soume of sax pundis sax schillingis aucht penneis, debursit be him to nyntene men quha war keparis of the gait the day of the Kingis entrie to this brugh, with halbertis, and the samyn sal be allowit to him.

Nov. 26.

The quhilk day John Adamsoun, Robert Kar, Henry Nesbet, and William Litill, baillies, Lucas Wilson, dene of gild, Androw Stevenson, thesaurer, Robert Kar, Richart Abircrumby, Gilbert Dik, John Johnson, John Fishar, James Forman, Mr John Preston,

John Mayne, John Wilky, and Eduard Hart, of the counsall, together with the deyken of the barbouris, fleshouris, goldsmythis, masonis, baxteris, taylzeouris, hammermen, wrychtis, bonnet makeris, wobsteris, being convenit in the counsall-hous, for resonyg upon the common effaires, nominatis and appoynjis auditouris to the comptes of the sylver debursit to the Kingis triumph, and making of ane copburde overgilt, with all uther expensis, ordinar and extraordinar, the personis efter following quhome they ordane to be present, to convene in the over clerks chalmer, the morn, be twa houris efter none for heiring thereof. (Then follow the names.)

Dec. 2.

The samyn day ordanis ane act to be gevin to the officeris for chairging of the auditouris of the comptes of the expensis maid upoun the Kingis triumph, to convene with the four baillies the morn be sax houris in the morning, for fynal ordour to be tane therin, ilk person under the Payne of auchtene schillingis unforgevin.

Feb. 17.

Kingis
banquitt.

The quhilk day, Alexander Clark, provest; John Adamson, William Littill, and Henry Nisbett, baillies;

Lucas Wilson, dene of gild; Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, Mr Johnn Preston, Gilbert Dik, William Adamsoun, James Forman, Eduard Hert, and John Wilkie, of the Counsell, Ordanis Androw Stevinson, thesaurer, to delyver to the said Alexander Clark, provest, ane hundreth and sax punds, for the expensis of ane bankett maid be him to the Kingis Majestie, and Lords of Secreit Counsall; and the samyn sall be al-lowit to him in his comptes.

II.—PROCLAMATION OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND
ANENT KEEPING ORDER, 1579.

At Stirling, Sept. 22, 1579.

Forsameikle as the Kingis Majestie, being now in the fourtent yeir of his aige, and having acceptit the governament of his realme on his awin persoun, is now, be auise of his nobilitie and estaittis, to remove from Striueling to his burgh of Edinburgh, divers of his nobilitie and utheris gude subjectis, being inquirit to attend upoun his hienes convoy thither; amangis quhome, it is expedient that quietnes and gude ordour be keipit. Thairfoir, ordanis letteris to be direct to officiares of armes, shirreffis in that part, chargeing thame to pas to the mercat croces of the burrowis of

Edinburgh, Striueling, Linlythgwy, and vtheris places neidfull, and thair, be oppin proclamatioun in his hienes name and authoritie, command and charge all and sindrie personis requirit to his hienes convoy, or that sall ony wayis approche within sex mylis to his persoun, in the tyme of his said removing, that they cum thairto in peciable manner, without ony gwnnis, fire-work, or vther armor, (their swirds and quhinzearis onlie exceptit), vnder the panis contenit in his hienes acts of parliament and of secreit counsale, aganis beiraris, weiraris, and schutteris with culveringis and daggis, and of incurring his Majesties heich displesour and indignation. Certifieing thame, and they failyie, the saidis panis sal be execute vpoun thame without favor ; And that the officiaris and Master of his hienes houshald, and all shirreffis stewartis, baillies, and thair deputis, provestis, Aldermen and baillies of burrowis, mak diligent serche and inquisitioun for the violataris and contravenaris of his hienes commandement ; that thair persounis being apprehendit, may ressave present and indilayit puneisment for thair contempt, as be the saidis lawis and actis is appointit. And als to command and charge all and sindrie oistlaris, tavernaris, and vtheris personis that sall gif ludgeing, or ressave in thair houses ony personis, havaris of hagbuttis and pistollettis vpoun thame or in their cumpanyis, to gif present adverteis-

ment thairof to the magistratis of the town: That all persounis, havaris of the saidis hagbuttis and pistolettis may be presentlie apprehendit, as they will ansuer vpon thair obedience, at thair vttermost charge and perrell, and vnder the pane of ten pundis, to be tane up without favour. And siclyk to command and charge all and sindrie his hienes liegis, that nane of thame tak vpoun hand, in thair cuming to his hienes court, or remaining thairat, or depairting thairfra, to invaid or persew vtheris, outhir for auld feid or new, in bodyis or guidis, or to mak provocatioun of truble or displesour to utheris, in word, deid, or countinance, vnder the pane of deid, with certificatioun and they failzie, the said pane of deid sal be execut vpoun thame. Provyding alwayis, that it sal be lauchfull to his Majesties domestique seruandis actuallie attending vpoun his hienes persoun, and the nobill men presentlie being in quarter with thair houshaldis, to beir, weir, and use armour, hagbuttis, or pistolletis, notwithstanding this present proclamatioun, or ony thing contenit thairin.

III.—RECEPTION OF THE KING AT EDINBURGH, 1579.

“ At the West Port of Edinburgh, he was ressavit be the Magistrats of the toun under a pompous payle of purple velvot. That port presentit unto him the wisdome of Solomon, as it is written in the third chapter of the first buik of the Kings : That is to say, King Solomon was representit with the twa women that contendit for the young chylde, and the servant that presentit the sworde to the king with the chylde ; and as he maid forder progres in the toun in the streat that ascendis to the castell, thair is ane ancient port, at the whilk hang a curious globe, that opnit artificiallie as the King came by, wharin was a young boy that discendit crafTELIE, presenting the keyis of the toun to his Majestie, that war all maid of fyne massie sylver, and thais war presentlie ressavit be ane of his honourable counsall. During this space Dame Music and hir scollars exercesit hir art with great melodie. Then, in his discence as he came forment the hous of Justice, thair shew thaymselfis unto him, four gallant verteous ladeyis, to wit, Peace, Justice, Plentie, and Policie, and aither of thayme had an oraison to his Majestie. Tharefter, as he came toward the cheif collegiall kirk, thare Dame Religion shew hirself desyring his presence, whilk he

then obeyit be entring the kirk, whare the cheif preacher for that tyme maid a notable exhortation unto him, for the embraceing of Religion, and all her cardinall virtewis, and of all uther morall vertewis. Thareafter he came furth, and maid progres to the mercat croce, whare he beheld Bacchus with his magnifik liberalitie and plentie, distributing of his liquor to all passengers and behalders, in sic apperance as was pleasant to see. A litill beneth is a mercat place of salt, wharupon was erectit the genealogie of the Kings of Scotland, and a nomber of trumpets sounding melodiouslie, and crying with loud voyce, Wealfayre to the King. At the East Port was erectit the conjunction of the planets, as thay war in thair degreis and places, the tyme of his Majesteis happie nativitie, and the same vivelie representit be assistance of King Ptolomæ. And, withall, the haill streits war spred with flowres, and the forehowsis of the streits be the whilks the King passit, war all hung with magnifik tapestrie, with payntit historeis, and with the effegeis of noble men and wemen, and thus he past out of the toun of Edinburgh to his palice of Halyruidhous." *

* MS. *The Historie and Life of King James the Sixt.*—See MAITLAND'S *History of Edinburgh*, p. 37.

DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE PREPARATIONS FOR RECEIVING THE KING AND QUEEN AFTER THEIR MARRIAGE.

—1590.*

I.—LETTER FROM THE KING, FOR BRINGING HOME THE QUEEN IN SCOTCH SHIPS.

At Edinburgh, Oct. 11, 1589.

Forsamekle as the navy of Denmark, appointed for the convoy of the Quene, our Soverane Lordis dearest spous in this realme, hes bene lang stayed be sindry

* “ Upon the 28 day of the said moneth of October, the Kingis Majestie landit at Slaikray, on the coast of Norroway, quhair his Majestie remaining a great space, went up to Upslo, quhaire the Queine his bedfallow wes for the tyme, and come with great travell, baith upon sea and land, upon the 19 day of November therafter. And immediatlie at his coming past in quietlie with buites and all to hir hienes. The rest of his company went to his awin ludging, takin aganis his coming: His Majestie myndit to give the Queine a kiss, efter the Scottis faschioun at meiting; quhilk sho refusit, as not being the forme of hir cuntrie. Efter a few wordis prively spokiu betuix his Majestie and hir, thair past familiarite and kisses.

“ Upon the 23 day of November, 1589, the King and Queine wer meried in Upslo, be Mr David Lyndsay, minister at Leithe. The bancket wes maid efter the best forme they could for the tyme.”—MS.

contrarious winds, and at last sindrie of thame fallin lek, in sic sort as thay ar not able to serve this season, hir Grace in the mean tyme remaining in Norroway, fra quhilk, God willing, his Majestie intendis to cause hir be conveyed hame be Scottis schippis, and to that effect, mon use the service of his loving and gude subjectis, the maisters and mariners of schippis on the south and north coistes of Fife, and vtheris townis and havynnis maist ewest. And therfoir, ordanis letteris to be direct, chargeing all and sindry the maisters and mariners of shippis and crayers accustomat to saill furth of the realme, inhabitantis of the burrowis, cieties, and towns of Montrois, Dunde, Sanctandrois, Carraill, Pettinweme, Anstruther, St Monanis, Dysert, Kircaldy, Kingorne, Brunt-Illand, Queinis ferry, Leyth, Fisherraw, and Prestoun, that they, and euery ane of thame, weill bodin in feir of weir, and with twa monethis provisioun, and furnessing efter their cuming, Addres thame to be at Leyth upon the day of October instant, thair to pas on burde, and pas fordwart in his Hienes flott, as they sal be directit and commandit, and to remane during the said space, as thay will declair thair loving and gude affectioun to his Hienes service, and under the pane of tinsell of lyff, landis, and gudis.

JAMES R.

II.—NOTICES FROM THE RECORDS OF THE TOWN-COUNCIL,
RELATIVE TO THE RECEPTION OF THE KING AND QUEEN.

Aug. 29, 1589.

The quhilk day the Counsall, with ane sufficient number of the nychtbouries of this burgh being convenit, Comperit S^r Lues Bannatyne, Justice clerk, and S^r Robert Melvile, thesaurer deput to the kings majestie, and after dyvers ressonis and perswasionis gevin, desyret in name of his Majestie, that the guid toun wald, at the arryving of the Queyne, his graces darrest spous, accept the interteynement of hir grace and hir cumpany and tryne in the said toun of Leyth for ane certain space, quhilk suld nocht be lang, seeing his Majesties places of Halyruidhous wer nocht compleitt in the necessar reparaling thairof; with the quhilk, the said Provest, Baillies, and Counsall, Deykins of Crafts, and nichtbouris being avyset, fand it nocht meitt nor convenient to accept the said intertenement. Bot having respect to his Majesties honour and plesure, and to thair bundin dewtie, willinglie grantit to gif and bestow upoun his Majestie to that use, the sowm of fyve thowsand merks, and or-

dainet Jhonn Moresoun, thesaurer, to vplift and get the said sowm upoun annuell rent, fra sic as will gif the samyn, ay and quhile the samyn, with the byruns, be redemit be ane extent to be set to that effect ; and ordainet the said sowm to be eiket to the nixt extent to be raysit upoun the inhabitants of this burgh, and oblist thame and their successouris, to releif the said thesaurer of the said principall sowme & annuell thairof.

Sep. 2.

The quhilk day Jhonn Arnott, Provest, the Baillies,<sup>Nicht-
bouris</sup> Dene of Gild, and maist part of the Counsall, being^{naiperie.} convenit at the desyre of the Kings Majestie, proponet be two of his Majesties masters of houshald, ordainet the Baillies to pas throw thair quarteris and borrow fra the honest nyghtbouris therof, ane quantitie of the best sort of their naiperie to serve the strayngeris that sall arryve with the Quene, and the said Baillies to gif the nyghtbouris thair awin tikket of ressait therof, with obligatioun of restitutioun, and the samyn resavet to delyver the said naiperie to Frances Galbrayth, his Graces pantrieman, & to tak the lyke band of him therupoun, & the said Provest & Counsell oblist thame & their successouris to releif the said baillies of the premisses.

Nether
bow.

The samin day, ordanis Jhonn Moresoun, thesaurer, to caus repair, with diligence, the Nether-Bow decentlie, againe the Queynis entrie, and the expenses to be allowit in his compte.

Sept. 5.

Queynis
entrie.

The samin day, understanding that it is fund guid be the Kings Majestie and secreit counsall, that the Queynis Majesties mareage sal be maid within this burgh, in the hie kirk therof, and swa it behoveth hir Graces entrie to be the samin day: Thairfoir, it is necessar that all the toun prepare and mak reddy all things concerning the triumph of hir said entrie, and ordanis Jhonn Moresoun, thesaurer, to mak and deburse the expenses thairof upoun the wallis, ports, croce, trone, and other convenient places, at the sycht of Androw Sclater, master of wark, with all payntings and other furnitures, concerning the solemnities thairof, and alswa to caus by and make ane payl of velvot, with all necessars belonging thereto, with the bybill and psalme buik, and William Fairly, baillie, to assist and tak the care heirof, and the expensis of the premissis shall be al-lowet to the said thesaurer in his compte.

Sept. 10.

Anent
meeting
the Quene
in Leyth.

The samin day, fynds it expedient, that the Provest, Baillies and Counsal, accumpaneit with ane sufficient

number of honest men decently apparrellit conveneand
meit the Queyne, and salute hir at hir landing, to be
namet and electet be ilk baillie in his quarter, quhome
thai ordour to mak the said nychtbouris forwayrnet
heirof. As als, that thai inroll ane number quha soll ^{Anent} gownis.
be appoyn tet to be cled in gownis at her entrie, and
warne thame befor the counsall agane fryday nixt
that thai may be ordanet and commandet to prepair
thameselfis therfore.

The samin day, fynds it expedient, that ane fyre be ^{Fyre on} Craigin-
bigget and maid be the toun, upoun the hicht of Craigin-
galt toward Leyth, at the arryving of the Queyne ;
and ordanis the thesaurer to caus the samyn be done.
And the expensis thairof to be allowet in his compte.

The samin day, forswamekill as it is requisite, for the ^{Propyne}
honour of the toun, that sum honourabill propyne be ^{to the} Queyne.
maid and gevin to the Queynis Grace at hir entrie,
and knawand that the toun hes ane Jowell, of the
Kings Majesties, quwhich is ane taiblott of gold in ane
caise with ane dyomond, and an emmerawld, lyand in
the hands of Alexander Clerk of Balbyrnies, to the
touns behuif, in plege of foure thowsand pund ; as
alswa vnderstands, that his Majestie, for to plesure the
toun, is content that thai propyne hir Grace with the
said Jowell : Thairfore thai haif thocht expedient to

reteir the said Jowell furth of the hands of the said Alexander Clark, and he delyuerand the samin to gif ane sufficient discharge thairof. And therafter to propyne the samin to his Majestie ; and to repose thame-selffs upon his Gracis guid will for the payment of the said sowme, for the quhilk the samin is layet in plege. And ordanis ane sufficient warrand to be obtenit of his Grace, both for the toun, and for the said Alexander Clerk of the premisis.

Sep. 20, 1589.

Queynis
entrie,
paill, &c. The quhilk day Jhonn Arnott, Provest, the Baillies, Dene of Gild, Thesaurer, and maist part of the counsall being convenit : In respect of the necessity for sudane preparatioun of all things to the Queynis entrie, gevis commissioun to thir personis, viz. the Dene of Gild, Eduard Mawchan, Androw Slater, Alexander Hunter, Jolinn Watt, George Smyth, to convein daylie with the Provest and Baillies, to consider and conclude therupoun, bayth before noon and afternoon ; and ordanis George Smyth, Jhonn Watt and James Barclay, to provyde fourty personis with halbertis, upoun the touns expensis, to await vpoun the nychtbouris, to be appoyntet for beyring of the Queynis paill. And therafter, thai nominat and electet thir persounis for beiring of the said paill, in the places following, to wit, Jhonn Adamsoun, James Adamsoun, William Adam-

soun, Androw Sclater, Robert Ker, Jhonn Provand, for the first place; Nicoll Uddert, Henry Nesbett, William Naper, Eduard Mawchan, Alexander Naper, George Wawchop, for the secund ; and Robert Henrie, Patrick Cochrane, James Irven, Jhonn St. Law, Mark Ker, Jhonn Dowgall, for the third place ; and therafter, nominat Archibald Geddes and Robert Abircrummy, for the crafts, til see to the beiring of the said paill.

Oct. 12.

The quhilk day Jhonn Arnott, Provest, the Baillies,^{Schip to Norway.} Dene of Gild, Counsal, and Deykins of Crafts for the maist part beand convenit: It was declayret be my Lord Provest, that the Kings Majestie had earnestly desyret, that the toun of Leyth suld reik furth ane schip of the burthen 60 twnis or thairby, to pas to Norway with the rest of the schips appoyntet for hame bringing the Queyne: They being avysit heirwith, willinglie consentet and agreit thairto.

Oct. 15.

The quhilk day Jhonn Arnott, Provest, the Baillies,^{Schip to Norway,} Dene of Gild, Counsall, and Deyknis of Crafts, for the^{xx men} ^{thairin.} maist part, beand convenit at the request and desyre of the Kings Majestie, agreit and consentet to send and furneis upoun the tounis chairgis, twenty men weell

uled and airmet, to pass in the tounis schip to Norway with the rest appoyntet to the hame brynging of the Queyne.

Oct. 24.

Proclama-
tion, hoist-
lers fast. The samen day, Ordainis proclamatioun to be maid, commanding all hoistellares and staibleris to gif up ilk nicht, at evin, to the baillie of the quarter, in writ, the names of the personis that ludges and stabillis with thame, under the payn of five pund. Siclik ordains proclamatioun to be maid, for observing the fast in-joynet to be keepet ilk Sonday, quhill the Kingis Grace returnis frae Norway.

Dec. 31.

The samin day, after compt and reckining maid with Robert Lwikup, skipper of the schip callit the quhilk wes frauchtet be the guid toun, to pas to Norway with the Kings Majestie, fynds that thair awcht to be payet to the said skipper, the sowm of sevin hunder and aucht merkis, quherof he resaved in hand, at his departing, thre hunder merkis. And siclyke fynds, that thair wes gevin to the men of weir, that suld haif past in the said schip, and for vivers, the sowme of four hunder merkis, and for pulder nynetein pund sextein shilling, the haill chairges of the said.

Mar. 18.

The quhilk day John Arnott provest, the baillies, dene of gild, Alex^r Naper, for the thesaurer, and M. Michael Chisholme, Thomas Fyscheare, George Cartkettill, John Moresoun, Rychert Doby, William Fairlie, Thomas Aikinheid, M. John Prestoun, Edward Galbrayth, the deyknis; John Bannatyne skynner, George Smyth, tailyeour, Thomas Dickson, furriour, James Henryson, chirurgeane, John Watt, smyth, of the counsall, and William Blythman, flescheour, John Borthwick, baxter, James Watson, cordiner, John Philp, wobster, John Hill, walker, Matho Davidson, bonetmaker, of the remanent deyknis of crafts being

convenit, ane letter sent frome the Kings Majestie, direct out of Denmark, wes producet and red unto thame, quherin his Majestic desyret the guid town to send ships for his Majesties saif convoy hamewart; for obedience quheroſ, it was thocht expedient, and agreit be thame, That ane commodious ship be hyret to that effect, upoun the towns charges, and that sho be well furnist with maryners and pylots, and dekkit with stremers, flags, anseyngyeis, and syde clayths, and givis commissioun to William Fairlie, Thomas Aikinheid, Roger M'Nacht, William Naper, John Moresoun, Thomas Fyscheare, to speir out the ship, speik the awners and skipper, and to agrie gif sho may be resonably had, and the dene of gild and M. Michaell Chisholme to prepair the dekking foresaid.

Mar. 20.

Schip to
the
Kings
Majestie.

The quhilk day John Arnott, provest, the baillies, dene of gild, Alex^r Naper, for the thesaurer, William Fairly, M. Michaell Chisholme, John Moresoun, Rychert Doby, George Carkettill, Thomas Fyscheare, Thomas Aikinheid, M. John Prestoun, Edward Galbrayth, the deyknis, George Hereott, goldsmyth, Thomas Dicksoun, furrour, Thomas Henrysoun, chirurgeane of the counsell, and Frances Mansoun, wright, William Blythman, flescheour, John Borthwick, bax-

ter, James Watson, cordiner, John Hill, walker, Matho Davidsoun, bonetmaker, of the remanent deykins of crafts, appoynted, agreit, and fynallie endet with David Hutcheson, maister and skipper of the ship called the Ayngell of Kirkcaldy, in maner, forme, and effect, as after followis, to witt : Forswamekill, as the said David has lattin, and be thir presents lats his said ship for frawcht, to the said provest, baillies, counsell, and deykins of crafts, fra the port and heaven of Leyth, to the port and heaven of Elsinore, or any other ports and heavins in Denmark, quher it sall happen our Souerane his darrest spous and cumpany to be for the tyme, and hame again to the said port of Leyth ; and sall furneis his said ship with all necessars requisit in sic ane voyage, and specially with the number of twenty-fourre personis, guid and habill and weill expert maryners, quhairof thair sall be sex at the leist habill and qualefeit to be pylats upoun ony sey coast of this realme, and with pulder, bullat, and munitioun, in sic number and quantitie as sall effeir for the honour of this burgh ; and, at his arryvell to his Majestie, sall attend vpoun his Grace, his spous, and cumpany, in remaining and returning, as his Majestie sall pleis direct and command, or as ony of the said flott sall do ; and sall be reddy to depart and mak saill betwix this and the first day of Apryll next, or soner, gif he sall be commandit

be the said provest and baillies, haivand sic ship weill
adornet and paynted and dekket, and alswa furnist as
said is ; for the quhilk caus, the said provest, baillies,
counsall, and deyknis, be thir presents, bynds and
oblissis thame to pay to the said skipper, the sowm of
five hunder pound money of this realme, monethlie,
enduring the said skippers absence furth of the realme,
in passing, remayning, and returning, and for ilk half
moneth, owlk, or day, *pro rata*, effeirand to the said
moneth, begynnand and comptand for the first day that
he sall mak saill towards the parts foresaids, quherof
they sall pay and advance vnto him ane moneths
frawcht beforehand ; And for observing and keeping
of the premisses, bayth the saids parties become bund
and oblist unto others ; and this moneths pay they or-
danit to be tayne of the Candilmes terme last of the
reddiest of their commoun rent ; And that the thesa-
urer mak the expences of the ornaments and anseyng-
ties of the ship to be always furthcumand to the town,
and the saids expenses with the sowm foresaid to be al-
lowed to the thesaurer in his compts.

Apr. 1, 1590.

Towns
schipe.

The samin day ordanis William Fairly and Patrik
Sandelands to pas with William Fowler ower the watter

to the towns ship, and to take the ornaments with thame, and to see that all be in reddynges and guid ordour.

Apr. 15.

The quhilk day John Arnott, provost, the baillies, ^{Proclama-}
dene of gild, thesaurer, and counsall, for the maist part
beand convenit, forswamekill, as it is fund expedient be
the Lords of Secreitt counsall, that all beggares be re-
movet and haldin furth of the way, fra this tyme furth
and thereafter, induring the remaining of the strayngers
that sall repair within the samyn, in cumpany with his
Majestie and his Graces dearest spous; and als, hes
ordainet that all myddings and staynes be removet,
and the streets and vennels kepit clene. Thairfore
ordanis proclamatioun to be maid, commanding,
that all sort of beggaris, within 48 hours heirafter,
depesche and remove thameselffis, swa that thai be
nocht fund beggand within this burgh, or betwix
this and Leyth, or within Leyth or ony uther part
within the liberty and jurisdiction of this burgh, in-
during the space foresaid, with certification and thay
failyie, thai sall be tayne and imprysonit, skurgeit, and
utherwayes punist in their bodies, at the will of the
Magistrats.

Item, That all persouns purge and cienge the ^{Middings.}
streits, calsayes, and gutteries, forment thair awin

housses to the mid channel, als weill in the hie gaitt as in vennelles, and that all red and staynes be removet, tayne, and haldin away, vnder the Payne of fyve pund to be tayne of ilk persoun that failyies heirinto.

Bayne-
fyres.

Item, That all inhabitants of this burgh, swa sone as the ships shall cum in sicht quherein his Majestie and darrest spous is into set furth bayne fyres forment their housses ilk persoun vnder the Payne of fyve pund but favour.

Queynis
entrie.

The samin day, appoynts and ordainis to convene daylie at two houris with the baillies, the awld baillies, awld thesaurer, George Heriott and James Henrysoun, to consult and conclude about the matter of the queynis entrie, givand thame full power and commissioune thereto, as thai mycht do thameselffis.

May 13.

The quhilk day, the Provest, Baillies, Dene of Gild, Thesaurer, and Counsall, being for the maist part conuenit, hes thocht expedient, statute and ordainet, That all persons dwelland within this burgh be in reddynges, to do to the guid toun sic honour and service as thai shall be commandet be the Provest and Baillies at this tyme of the Queynis Majesties entrie ; and gif ony shall hap-

pin to refuis or disappoyn^t the toun, that thai sall pay
ane unlaw of twenty pound, but favours, and sall be far-
ther punist at the discretioun of the Magestrats.

May 21.

The quhilk day Jhonn Arnott, Provest, Henry Char- Dence
teris, &c. being convenit in the Counsall at the requeist Imbassa-
of the Kings Majestie, and for honour of the toun : It douris
wes thocht and agreit to mak ane honorabill banket.
the Dence Imbassadouris, and the famous persouns of
thair company, quha arryvet furth of Denmark* with the

* “ His Majestie, with the Quenis Grace, arryvit at Leith upon the
morne at nycht, being the first of May 1590, and remanit in the Kingis
work there till the sext day of the samyn moneth, that the palice of Haly-
ruidhous wes maid rady. They were met command out of the boit be
the Duik of Lennox, Lord Hamilton, Erle Bothwell, and a great number
of the nobilitie, with sum honest men of Edinburgh.

“ There come with the King and Queenis Majesties, the Admirall of
Denmark, the Capten of Elsinburgh, with sundrie utheris, noblemen of
the realme ; and besydis that 30 or 40 personis, in golden chenyies of
gud faschioun. The number of the haill trayne wes 224 personis,
quhilkis wer all interteined be the King and noblemen of Scotland, and
bancketted daylie. They wer 1200 merkis everie day for their far-
nischingis, during the tyme of thair remaining.

“ Upon the nyntein day of May, the Quenis Grace maid entrie in
Edinburgh, at the West Point, and was ressavit, efter a certane speicle
in Latine, and delyverie of the keyis, as use is, and wes convoyed throw
the haill toun, under a paill, to Halyruidhous. There wes 42 young
men, all cled in quhite taffetie, and vissours, of blacke culour, on their
faces, lyk Mores, all full of gold chenyies, that dancit befoir hir Grace all
the way.”—MS.

King and Queynis Majesties, and this upoun the townis charges and expensis, to be maid in Thomas Aitchinsoun master of the cunyie hous lugeing at Todriks wynd fute, upon Sonday at evin next to cum ; and for the making of the preparatioun and furnessing thairto, lies set doun and devyset the ordour following, to wit : that the thesaurer caus bye and lay in foure punsheons wyne, Jhonn Borthuik, baxter, to get foure bwnnis of beir, with foure gang of aill, and to furneis breid, Henry Charteris and Roger Macnacht to caus hing the hous with tapestrie, set the buirds, furnis, chandleris, and get flowres, Mr. Michaell Chisholme and William Fairlie to bye the meit, George Carkettill and Rychert Doby to provyde the cupbuirds and men to keip thame ; and my Lord Provest was content to provyde naiprie, and twa dozen of greit veschell, and to avance ane hunder pund or mair, as thai sall haif ado.

May 29, 1590.

The samin day ordanis Jhonn Makmoran, thesaurer, to pay to the three score halberteris, quhilk was appointet to awaite upoun the Magistrats and Counsall, at the Queynis entrie the sowme of twenty pund. And als to agrie with the fydleris at the basket, and the samen sall be allowit in his compte.

DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE RECEP-
TION OF THE KING—1617.

I.—LETTER FROM HIS MAJESTY TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL
OF SCOTLAND, ANENT THE CAUSIS OF HIS HEIRCOMING
—DEC. 15, 1616.*

JAMES R.

Richt trustie and right welbeloved cosen and counsellor and right trustie and welbeloved counsellours, We greet you well: It could not bot be verie grievous unto us, if the earnest desyre whiche we have long had to visite that our native and ancient kingdome of Scotland, sould be mett at our arrivall there with ane unwelcome coldnes of a nomber of our goode subjectis in that cuntrey, and that by the occasion of a prejudged opinion in manie of our peoples heartis, grounded upoun

* It is to be regretted that the Volume of the Records of Privy Council from which this Letter is taken is much obliterated in many parts, and has occasioned various blanks.

fals rumours ayther maliciouslie or foolishliespred anent the causes and erandes of our intentioun to repair thither at this tyme ; We have therefore thought it verie convenient for preventing of this mistaking, to make by these presents ane ingenuous and sincere professioun unto you of the motives induceing us to resolve upon our journey thither at the tyme appointed.

First, Wee ar not achamed to confesse that wee have had these many yeiris a great and naturall longing to see our native soyle and place of our birth and breed-
ing, and this salmonlyke instinct of ouris hes restleslie, both when wee wer awake and manie tymes in our sleip, so stirred up our thoughtis and bended our desyris to make a jornay thither, that wee can never rest satisfied till it sall pleas God that wee may accomplish it : And this we do upoun our honour declair to be the maine and principall motive of our intended journey.

Bot unto this desyre of ouris, proceeding from a naturall man, and the care wee have to discharge our kinglie office, the tyme of our being there, and so to mak use of our naturall affectioun bythat occasioun to the discharge of our calling, wherein
grite care salbe to heare and give redresse to such ...
..... of our subjectis (if anie there be) as could

not utherwayes be redrest without our awne presence ;
and our next care salbe anie suche abuse or disor-
dour (if wee sall find anie) as could not be so weeble per-
formed in our absence.

As for making anie alterations or reformations in the
..... that government eyther ecclesiasticall or civile.
It is.....will be glad that by our presence als manie
thinges tending to

onlie you, who by your place ar best acquainted
with our intentions unto all our other goode sub-
jectis of whatsomever degree, to have that setled
confidence in our honestie and discretiou, that
wee will not so muche as wishe anie thing to be
done there which sall not tend to the glorie of
God and the weale of that commounwealth, and all
our goode subjectis therein ; As also there may be
diverse thingis whiche although we might justlie wishe
thame, yet may there be so manie impedimentis and
lettis to crosse thame, that although in our conscience
and honestie we might avow thame to be goode, yet in

our discretioune wee wold be loth to trouble ourselfis
and oure good subjectis with thame at this tyme, ex-
cept they might as weill prove to the generall lyking
and applause of our people as to the benefit and weeble
of the common wealth.

Wee ar therefore hereby earnestlie to desyre you,
that yee will not onlie for your owne partes harbour no
prejudged conceipte of our intentioun upoun the
grounds of these idill rumours, but also make this our
sincere declaration come to the eares of our other goode
subjectis, that wee may haif conforte of such a joyfull
meiting there with our people, as wee for our part sall
ever deserve.

To conclude, wee pray you to rest assured that our
intentioun is so to behaue our selfe the tyme of our being
there, as everie one sall see that our care sall not be
wanting to do as muche goode as wee can, and yet
so to carie our selfe as our actions salbe accompanied
with the applause and hearty consent of all our goode
people: And these premisses most affectuouslie re-
commending to your speciall care, we bid you fair-
weele. Given at Newmarket, the 15th of December
1616.

II.—NOTICES FROM THE RECORDS OF PRIVY COUNCIL, RELATIVE TO THE RECEPTION OF THE KING, 1617.

Direction to the Burgh of Edinburgh anent
Preparatiounis for His Majesties heircoming.—
*Dec. 24, 1616.**

Forsameikle as the Kingis Majestie oute of his tender
and princelie love and regaird to this his native and

* Preparatory to the above direction, the Privy Council did on the 22d of May 1616, issue the following—“ Warrant for repairing his Majesties houssis.” “ Forsameikle as the Kingis Majestie haueing resoluti to honour this his ancient kingdome with his royll presence, God willing, in the beginning of the nixt spring of the Sex Hundreth and Seveintene year of God, It is verie necessar and expedient for his Majesties contented reception, that his Majesties paliceis of Halirudhous and Falkland, and the Castell of Striviling be repairit, and all defectis therein mendit. Thairfoir the Lordis of Secret Counsall, gevis commissioun and warrant, be thir presents, to James Murray, master of his Majesties workis, to tak doun the haill roofe and thake of the ludgeing abone the vtter yett, callit the Chancellaries ludging, with sa meikle of the stane worke as is requisite, and to caus the same be buildit up, and perfyte of new, and to tak doun to the ground the chalmer within the pallace of Halirudehous, callit the Mr Stewartis chalmer, and on nawayes to build up the same agane, in respect of the deformitie and disproportionioun that it hes with the rest of the building thair. And to tak doun the chalmer and garlie in Halirudhouse callit Sir Roger Ashtonis chalmer, and to build up the same of new, in a con-

ancient kingdome, haueing thir mony yeires bigane
had a grite and naturall longing to see the same, as being

venient forme. And to tak doun the kitcheing in halirudhous, callit chancellair Maitlandis kitcheing in the end of the transe, callit the Dukis transe, bothe in the rooffe, jeistis, and walles, so far as is necessar, and to build up the same of new. And to tak down the toofalles in the baikehous yairde of Halyrudhous, and the haill dykis of the baikehous yairde, and not to big up the same agane, sua that of the yairde, ane perfyte cloise may be maid. And to tak doun the auld entree in the Castell of Striuling betuix the utter yett and inner yett, with the little rowme on ether syde of the said entrie, and to bestow and employ the stains and otheris materiallis therof on some otheris workis within the Castell. And to tak doun the haill rooffe and thake of the Kingis kitchin in the said Castle, with samekle of the stane-worke therof as salbe requisite, and to builde up the same of new, and to tak down the Court kitcheing bewest the Kingis kitcheing, and the baikhous and pantrie within the said Castell, and to build up the same of new. And to tak down the thake of the toure above the inner yett, and to thake it of new agane. And to tak doun the haill thake and rooffis of the King and Quenis galleries in Falkland, & to help the stane-work therof, and big ane barteseeene about thame, and theik thame with lead. And to tak doun the haill thake and samekle of the rooff, as is falters of the haill ludgeing of Falkland, and to streke out duris and wondois, and to repair, help and reforme the same as the sall think meet, and to thake the same of new yf neid beis—ffor doing quhairof thir presents salbe vnto the said master of worke ane warrand.”

Besides this warrant for repairing the Palaces of Holyroodhouse and Falkland, and the Castle of Stirling, the following Proclamations appear to deserve a place in this Collection:—

his natvie soile and place of his birth, has resoluti, God willing, this approching sommer to accomplishe his in-

“ Proclamatioun againis the slaying of his Majesties Buckis in Falkland,
Jan. 14, 1617.

“ Forsamekle as the Kingis Majestie hes gevin directioun and command to brek and mak oppin the park and dyke of his Majesties park of Falkland in some pairtis thairof, to the effect that the buckis and beastis within the same may sometymes raik furthe thairof, that so being acquentit with the voyde and oppin pairtis of the dykes, his Majestie, at his coming heir, God willing, to the hunting this approtcheing sommer, may haif the better occasioune of his sporte and gayme: And whereas his Majestie doubtis not bot that all honest and dewtifull subjectis, oute of that reverent respect and regaird whilk thay carye to his Majestie, will forbear to hunt or slay ony of the beastis that sall raik furthe of the said park this present yeir, or to do ony other thing whilk may be a latt and hinder to his Majesties sporte and gayme; yitt becaus it is lyke aneugh that some undeutifull personis, in contempt of his Majestie, and misregard of his Majesties pleasor and contentment, will hunt or slay suche of the beastis of the said park as thay sall find straitling and raiking through the cuntrey. His Majestie, thairfoir, with advise of the Lordis of his Secreit Counsall, ordanis letteris to be direct, to command, chairge, and inhibite all and sindrie his Majesties lieges and subjectis, of quhat estate, qualitie, degree, or conditioun soeuir thay be, That nane of thame presoome nor tak upoun hand, to hurt or slay ony of the buckis or beastis that sall raik furthe of the said park this present yeir, vnder the panes following, to be incurrit be the persone or personnes quhatsomever that sall violat or contraveene this present act and proclamation: That is to say, euerie Erll, fyve hundred merkis; euerie Lord, foure hundred merkis; euerie baron, three hundred merkis; euery landit gentilman, one hundred merkis; and euerie common man, fourty pundis;—Certi-

tendit journey heir, and to honor this kingdome with his royall presence, in the quhilk journey his Majestie will be

feing thame, that failyies or dois in the contrair, that the saidis panes sal be vplifit of thame, and they sal be otherwayes punist in thair personis at the arbitrement of his Majesties Counsall." On the same day there is an "Agreement with the tennentis of the park of Haliruidhous"— "That the said park may be keepit and hayned for the pasturing and feeding of some wedderis and otheris bestiall for the furnissing of his Majesties house," &c.

Proclamatioun anent the Ludgeings in the Cannogait, *Feb. 13, 1617.*

Forsameikle as the Magistratis of the Cannogait being commandit to gif in to the Lordis of Secretit Counsall ane roll of the haill ludgeingis and stablis within thair toun, to the effect the saidis Lordis might knowe and understand how mony of his Majesties tryne and followaris, as necessarlie mon be ludgeit neir his Majesties persone, dureing his aboade at Haliruidhous, might be commodiouslie accommodat in ludgeingis and stablis within the said Cannogait, The saidis Magistratis hes gevin in a roll of thair saidis ludgeingis and stablis, proporting and bearing that all thair ludgeings and stablis ar alreddy tane be noblemen, baronis, and gentlemen of this cuntrey, sua that thair is not ane free house in the Cannogait quhair ony of his Majesties tryne may be ludgeit, whilk being a matter verie offensive to his Majestie, and that can nowayis stand with his Majesties contentment, nor the credite of the cuntrey, that his Majesties propper dommestiques, and these who mon necessarlie attend his royall person, salbe constrainyd to seeke thair ludgeings in remote and far pairtis from his Majesties house and palice, to the disappointing and neglecting of his Majesties seruice ; Thairfore the Lordis of Secretit Counsall hes thought meete to intimat and declare to all these who hes tane or myndis to tak ludgeings and stablis in the Cannogait, that they will be frustrat and disappointit of

accompanyit with diuers of his nobilitie & counsall, & with some of the reuerend clergie, besides a grite nomber

thair intentis, and that all the saidis ludgeingis and stablis will be tane up and markit for his Majesties awne tryne and followaris, be his Majesties harbingeiris at their heir-coming ; And ordanis lettres to be direct to mak publicatioun heirof, be oppin proclamatioun, at the mercat croeis of Edinburgh and the Cannogait ; and to warne all persons who hes tane or myndis to tak ludgeings or stablis in the Cannogait, that they provide thameselfis of ludgeings and stablis, otherwayes assureing thame that thay wil be disappointit of thair intentis in the Cannogait, and that all the ludgeingis and stablis thair wil be markit and tane up for his Majesties tryne and followaris, as said is.

Proclamatioun aganis the slaughter of Murefoule—*April 30, 1617.*

Forsamekle as the Kingis Majesties awne earnest desire, and the necessair affairs of this estaite, having invited his Majestie thir mony yeiris bigane, to visite this his ancient and native kingdome ; and his Majestie having now, by the favour of almighty God, almost accomplished his jornay and progress hither with most comfortable and happy succes, being honourable accompanied with diuers of the nobilitie, counsall, and otheris, his goode subjectis of the kingdome of England, it may fall oute, that during the tyme of his Majesties aboade in this cuntrey, his Majestie mon some tyme haif his recreation, exercise, and pastyme in the fields, and thairfore it is necessair That the murefoul, pairtridges, and pountis, within ten myles of the placeis of his Majesties aboade heir, salbe preservit and cairfullie haynit for his Majesties pastyme and gayme ; for whilk purpos, ordains lettres to be direct, to command, chaire, and inhibite all and sindrie his Majesties lieges and subjectis, be oppin proclamatioun at the mercat croe of Edinburgh, and otheris placeis neidfull, That nane

of other people of all rankis and qualities, from the kingdome of England. And whereas the place of his first rendezvous and largest aboade during his stay in this kingdome, will be at his Majesties palace of Halirudhous, it will necessarlie fall oute that his nobilitie and gentrie, with the grittest pairt of his tryne and followaris (of whome thair will be a few nomber of personis of goode, rank and qualitie), mon be ludgeit within the burgh of Edinburgh, the Cannogait, and suburbs of the said burgh, being the chief and principall toun of this kingdome, quhair his Majesties high and so-

of thame presoome, nor tak vpoun hand at ony tyme after the publicatioun heirof, to slay ony murefoull, pairtridgis, or pouittis, within ten myles of the burgh of Edinburgh, and otheris pairtis of his Majesties aboade in this kingdome, during the tyme of his Majesties being within the same, vnder the pane of ane hundredh pundis, to be incurrit be euery persone or persones contraveeneng this present act, sa oft as thay sall failyee, quhilk failyee salbe tryed be oathe or be witness as accordis ; And whairas the personis contraveeneng are not able to pay the said sowme, they salbe punist in thair personis, by wairding and feiding vpon breade and watter at the arbitrement of his Majesties counsall ; and to command and chairge all Magistrates to burgh and land, and all Justices of peace, every ane of thame, within thair awne boundis, to haif a speciall cair and regارد that this present act be preceislie kept, and that they appoint searcheuris and visitouris to try quhair and be whome the same is violat and brokin, and to notifie thair names to his Majesties thesaurair, or thesaurair-depute, to the effect the contravenaris may be callit and punist accordinglie.

ueraine courte of Parliament, his Majesties honnorable previe counsall, and the grand and learned senatouris of his colledge of Justice will ordinarlie sitt : The stranglearis and otheris that ar to accompany his Majestie heir will be so much the more cairfull narrowlie to remarke vpoun and espy the carriage and conversatione of the inhabitantes of the said toun, forme of ther interteynment and ludgeing, and gif thair housis be and their bedding and naprie clene and neate ; and, according as they sall find, they will mak reporte outherto the credite and or to the reproche and scandall of this burgh. And seeing, &c. Thairfore the Lordis of Secreitt Counsall has commandit, and be thir presentis commandis and ordanis the provest and baillies of Edinburgh, with the concurrence of the baillies of the Cannogait, within the Cannogait, and of the baillies of the Potterrow and Weste Porte, within their boundis, to mak a perfyte survey of the haill ludgeingis, stabillis, within the said burgh of Edinburgh, the Cannogait, Leythe Wynde, Pleasance, Potterraw, and Weste Porte, and to foirsee and prouide that thair be goode ludgeingis within the saidis boundis for fyve thowsand men and stablis for fyve thowsand horse. And yf, by the said survey, they sall not find so manie good stabillis within the saidis boundis as will convenientlie serve for fyve thousand horse,

that they designe barnis to be stabillis, and caus haikis and mangeiris to be set up in thame. And in this accompt and nomber of men and horses for whome ludgeingis and stabillis are to be preparit, they ar all to be vnderstoode to be of his Majesties tryne and followaris come frome England, who mone be accommodate and easit in ludgeingis and stabillis afoir ony of this cuntrie people. And ordanis the saidis prouest and baillies to mak a perfyte and cleir rolle of the haill ludgeingis and stabillis, and of the barnis to be appointit for stabillis within the saidis boundis, designing the particular placeis of the situatioun of the same, the names of the awnaris and possessouris thairof, the nomber of chalmers and beddis within euery house, and how manie strangearis may be commodiouslie ludeit in the same, and how mony horse euery one of the saidis stabillis will hold. And it is heirby recommendit unto the saidis Magistrats to see that the saidis ludgeingis be furnist with honnest and clene bedding, and weeble weshin and weeble smellit naprie, and otheris linningis, and with a sufficient nomber and quantitie of goode veshells, cleane and cleir, and of sufficient lairgenes. And likewayes, that they caus the tynneis courtis within the saidis boundis to be repairit, and that all thair stablairis be furnist with sufficiencie of corne, strae, and hay, Commanding alsua the

Magistratis of Edinburgh, the Cannogait, Potterraw, and West Porte, that every one of thaime, within thair awne boundis, haif a cair, and gif directioun for keeping of their strettis cleene, and that no filthe nor middingis be seen vpoun the same, and that no beggaris be seene within thair boundis; Commanding alsua the saidis Magistratis of the Cannogait, Potterraw, and West Porte, to gif their efauld and honest concurrence, euery ane of thame, within thair awne boundis, to the provest and baillies of Edinburgh, in euerie thing tending to the executioun of this commissioun and directioun, as thay will ansueir upoun their obedience, at their heichest perrell: Ordaining alsua the prouest and baillies of Edinburgh to mak thair reporte unto the saidis Lordis of their proceidings in this bussynes and to present befoir the saidis Lordis the roll foirsaid of the ludgeingis and stabillis within the saidis boundis, vpoun the sixtene day of Januar, to the effect forder ordor may be tane heiranent, as apperteynis.

Act aganist beggaris,—*Dec. 24, 1616.*

Forsamekle as albeit thair hes bene divers actis of Parliament maid and publist heirtofor aganis strong and idill personis beggaris, quhairby it is ordanit that every parochine soll intertwine thair awne beggaris, and

that name be sufferit to wander athorte the cuntrey under certane paines mentionat and contenit in the saidis actis. Notwithstanding, it is of treuth, that grite nomberis of strong, sturdy, and idill beggaris and vagaboundis daylie travellis athorte the cuntrey, and from all partis of the cuntrey resortis to the burgh of Edinburgh, and to the Cannogait, and having thair resettis in sindrie pairtis ewest to this burgh of Edinburgh, quhair thay pas the tyme in all kynd of ryott, and filthie and beistlie litcherie and hooredome, to the offens and displeasor of God. Thay do lykewise importune his nobilitie, counsellouris, and otheris his Majesties goode subjectis with shamefull exclamationis and outcryis lyis upoun the st̄reitis of the Cannogait, and betwix Leythe and Edinburgh ; and it is lykeaneugh that when his Majestie comes to this cuntrey this next sommer, that they will follow his Majesties courte, to the grite discredite and disgrace of the cuntrey, without remeid be prouidit. Thairfore, the Lordis of Secret Counsall ordanis lettres to be direct to command, charge, and inhibite all and sindrie strong sturdie and idill beggaris, be oppin proclamatioun at the mercat croceis of the heade burrowis of this realme, and otheris placeis neidfull, that nane of thame presoome nor tak vpoun hand to wander athorte the cuntrey.

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to contene thame within thair awne parocheis, and on nawayes presoome to come furth thairof vnder the paines contenit in the actis of Parliament formerlie maid heiranent ; and siclyke, to command, chairge, and inhibite all and sindrie his Majesties lieges, awnaris, heretouris, or lyferentaris of landis within the burgh of Edinburgh, Leyth, the Cannogait, the Weste Porte, Potterraw, Pleasance, Leythe Wynd, Sanctninians Raw, and otheris suburbs about this burgh, That thay nor nane of thame presoome nor tak upoun hand to lett ony housis to beggaris, nor to suffer ony beggaris to haif resett or remaining within the same, And siclyke to command chairge, and inhibite all and sindrie his Majesties lieges and subjectis duelland within the boundis foirsaidis, and within the parocheis of Hali-ruidhous, Leythe, St Cuthbertis, Dudingstoun, Liber-toun, Corstorphin, and Crammond, That nane of thame resett or huirde ony beggaris in thair housis, under the pane of tuentie pundis to be incurrit *teties quoties*, be euery persone or personis, settaris of thair housis to beggaris, or ressettaris within thair housis of beggaris, Certifieing thame that sall failyie or do in the contrair, that thay salbe decernit to haif incurrit and to incur the said pane, and executioun sall pas aganis thame for payment thairof in forme as effeiris.*

* A proclamation, similar to the above act against beggars, was published by the Privy Council on the 13th Feb. 1617.

III.—EXTRACTS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF EDINBURGH, RELATIVE TO THE RECEPTION OF THE KING, 1617.

Mar. 19, 1617.

The quhilk day, the Provest, Baillies, Deyne of Gild, Thesaurer, and Counsell being conveynit, nominatis David Aikenheid, deyne of gild, George Todrig, elder, Alexander Clerk, and Nicol Uduart, merchandis, Andro Scott, deakyne of the chirurgeanes, and Edward Ker, tailyeour, to conveyne with the proveist, baillies, and thesaurer, and such of the counsell as sal or may be convenientlie had, and consult upone the commoun effairis, and the ordour to be observed for intetene-ment of his Majestie within this burgh, at his entrie within the same.

Apr. 2.

The quhilk day, the Provest, Baillies, Deyne of Gild, Thesaurer, and Counsell being conveynit, nominatis and appoynatis Joseph Merjoribankis, baillie, to have cair to caus apperel ane boit with hir furniter for the Kingis transporting, and to aggrie thairanent, and to mak his report therupone.

Apr. 9.

The quhilk day, the Proveist, Baillies, Deyne of Gild, Thesaurer, and Counsall being conveynit, hes thocht fit and expedient, that ane number of the gravest most ancient burgesses, and of best rank within this burgh, sall be warnit to attend his Majesties entrie within the samine, the 16th day of Maynixt, all apperellit in blak velvot, the ane half in gownis faiced with blak velvot, and the uther half in partisanis, and that nane quhais names sal be inrollit, refuis to attend in maner prescryvit to him, or absent himself the said day, under the payne of ane hundredth pundis, to be payit to the thesaurer of the burgh in name of the guid toun.

Apr. 23.

Ordanis Johnne Byris, thesaurer, to caus to the fourtene officers, ilk man, ane leveray cotte, in sic forme as sal be prescryvit be the baillies, and als to Robert Stewart, maisser, ane goun of claith, with an stand of claith of figurit satine, with the haill furniter, and the expensis debursed thairupone sal be allowit to him in his comptis.

Forsamekle as his Majestie, be his letter direct to the Lordis of his hienes Secreit Council, hes declairit that it is his will and plesour that ane harrang and speache be maid to him at his entrie within this burgh ; thairfor the Counsall nominatis and electis Mr Johne Hay thair clerk deput, to make the said harrang, and ordainis him to provyde himselfe to that effect.

May 7.

The quhilk day, the Provest, Baillies, Deyne of Gild, Thesaurer, and Counsell being conveynit, ordanis ane banquet to be maid to his Majestie and his nobles and companie, and Johnne Byris, thesaurer, to build ane banquating hous in the counsall hous yaird, for intertening his Majestie and his nobles, and ordanis Joseph Marjoribankis, baillie, George Todrig, elder, David Williamsoun, and Nicol Edward, merchands, and Edward Ker, tailyeur, to assist him in the said wark, and the expensis debursit thairthrow sal be allowit to him in his comptis, togidder with the proffet of the samine.

Grantis and gives commissioun to Mr Johnne Hay, thair clerk deput, to pas to Berwick to his Majestie, to know his Majesties will and plesour anent the maner of his ressait at his entrie within this brugh, and to give informatione to his Majestie of the order takin-

theranent be the guid toun, and ordanis the thesaurer to pay his expensis and the same salbe allowit to him in his comptis.

May 12.

The quhilk day, Williame Nisbet of the Deyne, provest, &c. being conveynit, understanding that the Kingis Majestie at his first going to Ingland, was propynit be the haill tounis throw which his Majestie raid, with ane coup with certaine quantity of gold, according to the estate and rank of the toun, and siclyk, that the same tounis at his Majesties doun cumming, hes rememberit his Majestie with the lyk propyne, to eschew any imputatioun of neglect of dewtie, this burgh being the heid and principall of this kingdome, hes thocht meet to propyne his Majestie at his entrie with ten thousand merkis, in dowble angells of gold, and to by ane gilt baissin of the grittest quantitie can be had, to put the same in, and ordanis the thesaurer to pay for the samine, and to borrow the said soume upon profeit, quhilk, with the profeit, salbe allowit to him in his comptis.

III.—RECEPTION OF THE KING AT EDINBURGH.
May 16, 1617.

The saxytene day of May 1617, The Kingis Majestie enterit at the Wast Poirt of Edinburgh, quhair the Provest, the foure bailyeis, the haill counsell of the toun, with ane hundreth honest men and mae, war all assemblit in blak gownes all lynit with plane velvet, and thair haill apparrell war plane black velvet ; At quhilk tyme first the Proveist William Nisbet maid ane harand, welcuming his Majestie to his awin Citie, Thareafter ane harand was maid be Mr John Hay in name of the haill citizens, Ane purse contening fyve hundreth double angellis laid in a silver basing double overgilt, was propynit to his Majestie, Quha with ane myld and gracious countenance resavit thayme with thair propyne, come tharefter throw the Citie to the kirk, quhair ane sermone was maid be the Archebishope of St Androis, Spottiswood ; Tharefter come directlie doun the streit towardis his awin palice in Halyrudhous, being convoyit be the honest men of the toun to the corse callit St Johne's Croce, quhair be the drawing of ane sword his Majestie knychtit the Proveist.*

* From a Volume of the Records of the High Court of Justiciary.

King Charles the First.

DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE KING'S
RECEPTION AT EDINBURGH, AND OF
HIS CORONATION AT HOLYROODHOUSE,
1633.*

I. EXTRACTS FROM THE RECORDS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL, RELATIVE TO HIS MAJESTY'S RECEPTION, 1628,—1633.

The Kings Letter for his coming doun to receive the Crowne.—*Jul.* 14, 1628.

THE quhilk day the proveist, baillies, deyne of gild, thesaurer, counsall, and deacones of craftis, being con-

* From the papers here printed it will be seen, that the King had intimated his intention of visiting the metropolis of Scotland in the month of July 1628, for the purpose (as his Majesty's letter expresses) of “ re-

venit in counsall, the said proveist producit ane letter from his Majestie, direct to the proveist, baillies, and counsall of this burgh, anent his repairing to this burgh, of the dait the fyft of July instant, quhairof the tennor followes : Trustie and weillbelovit, we greit you weill ; Whereas we intend very shortlie (God willing) to visit that oure ancient and native Kingdome, for receiving oure crowne, holding a Parliament in persone, and perfyting that great worke wherein we and oure commissioneris have much lawboured for the guid of all oure subjects there ; and we being confident of your hairtie acceptance of oure persone, and princelie intentiones, as you and your predecessors had wont to doe unto oure Royall progenitors, Oure pleasure thairfor is, to give you notice of oure said resolution, quhairby you may the better provyde for oure entrie, coronatioun, and parliament, as you and your predecessors had wont to do, quhairof we will tak speciall notice, and remember the same at any of your occasiones heirefter, and so we bid you hairtilie

ceiving his crown, and holding a Parliament in person," and that the church of St Giles was the place then fixed upon by the Privy Council of Edinburgh, as "the most conspicuous place for that solemnity." This visit, however, did not take place till the month of June 1633, when the King made a public entry into the City, and was crowned at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

fairwell. Givin at oure Court at Quhythall, the first day of July 1628. Quhairwith thay being advysit, and finding it ane mater of importance, they ordane to seik out the registers against Wednisday next, anent the entrie of his Majesties father and grandmother, and present the same to the counsall, that such ordour may be taken as is most fit for the honor of the guid town and his Majesties service.*

* In the beginning of the preceding year the King wrote to the counsall, in the following terms, with a present of a sword and gown, to be worn by the Lord Provost. The act of council upon this letter is here given.

April 4, 1627.

The quhilk day David Aikenheid of Kilwyis, provost, David Ritchardsoun, Gilbert Acheson, Peter Blackburne, and William Brown, baillies, John Macnaght, deyne of gild, James Rae, thesaurer, Nicoll Udward, Patrick Ellis, William Reid, Archibald Tod, George Suitie, Johnne Smythe, William Geddes, Johne Rynd, merchandis, Williame Nemocke, tailyeor, toge-thir with the deykins of craftis, Thomas Quhitt, of the hammermen, Alexander Reid, of the goldsmyths, James Leslie, of the tailyears, James Moubray, of the skynnars, and Thomas Peacok, of the cordiners, of the counsall, being conveynit in counsall, compeirit Mr Johnne Hay, and producit his Majesties letter direct to the provost, baillies, and counsall of this burgh, of the dait the 3d day of Marche 1627, quhilk they ordayne to be insert and registrat in their counsall buikes, *ad futuram rei memoriam*, quharof the tennor followis. *Sic suprascribitur*, CHARLES R. Trustie and weilbeloyit we greet you well; we have persaived, by the effectes, your affectiou to oure service, quhairof we will not be unmynd-

Jul. 17, 1628.

Anent his
Majesties
resalt.

The quhilk day David Aikenheid, proveist ; Alexander Speir, George Suttie, Thomas Charteris, and Gilbert

full when furder occasion sall offer, wherby we may expres oure respect unto you. We have sent you a token of oure favour, a sword and gown, to be worne by your proveist, at such tymes, and in such maner, as wes appointed by oure late dear father. As you have begun to be cairfull in oure service, we doe not doubt bot you will, from tyme to tyme, continew to doe the lik. And, speciallie, in giving your best furtherance, in so far as you can convenientlie doe to Sir James Baillie of Lochend, knight, who is to advance divers grit soumes of money for oure important and urgent service abroad. And, lykwayes, that you encourage oure remanant burrowes to doe the like, and to pay such pairet of the taxatiounes as ar to be payit by thame, with all convenient diligence that possibill can be used ; which recommending unto your serious caire, and which we will tak as acceptable service done by you unto us, we bid you faireweill. From oure Court at Newmerket, the 3d of Marche 1627. And als the said Mr Johnne producit the sword sent be his Majestie, and deliverit the same in counsall, and thereupone tuike instrumentis. And the same wes delyvered to my Lord Proveist to be keeped be him to the tounes use, and ordainis to advys agane Friday mixt quha sall beir, and quhen the samen sall begin to be borne before the proveist.

May 16, 1627.

The same day nominatis and electes Mr Alexander Fairlie to be sword beirer of this burgh, during the tounes will, wha compeirand, accepted the same, and gaive his aith, *in communis forma*, and grantis to him ane yeirlie stipend of twa hundred pundis, to be payit be four portiones, at four quarteris in the yeir beginnand the first termis payment at

Williamsoun, baillies, &c. being all conveynit in counsill, and haiffing consideratioun of his Majesties letter, and how necessar it is that the magistrattis of this burgh with uther auld magistrattis be in comelie and decent ordour for resaving his Majestie, ordainis that the proveist, baillies, gild and thesaurer, with their auld baillies, proveist, gild, and thesaurer, to the nomber of twentie four, be apparelit in reid scarlet gownis at his Majesties entrie, and that thair names be sett doun be the counsill and ordains the proveist, baillies, dein of gild, thesaurer, Johne Byiris, Patrick Eleis, Peter Blackburne, Alexander Clerk, Mungo Makcall, James Cochran, Archibald Tod, Nicoll Udward, merchandis ; Thomas Weir, peuterer, James Leislie, tailyeour, and Andro Scott, chirurgian, to sett doun the haill project and form of his Majesties resaite, and quhat salbe done to him at his entrie with all the pageants and uther thinges necessarie for his Royall intertayntment, and appointes to meit at sevin hours in the morning, and at twa hours in the eternoone.

Lambes nixt, and ordanis the thesaurer present and his successors to pay the same to him, and the same salbe allowit to thame in thair comptes.

The same day ordanis the proveist, baillies, deyne of gild, thesaurer, and auld proveist, to wear scarlet gounes, according to the patent in all tyme cumming. And the proveist presentlie, upon Sunday nixt, to put on his robes, and weare theme publictlie, and the remanent to provyde themselves betwixt and the fiftein day of July nixt, and ordainis the sword to be borne upon Sunday nixt.

Jul. 23, 1628.

Prepara-
tions for
the Kings
coming
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The quhilk day David Aikenheid, proveist, Alexander Speir, George Suttie, Thomas Charteris, and Gilbert Williamesoun, baillies, &c. being conveynit in counsall for deliberating anent his Majesties entrie and maner thairof, ordaines the same to be done in the maist magnificent maner that can be devysit, and as salbe set doun be the proveist, baillies, counsal and utheris to be by them deputed; and forsameikle as the same, with the propyne to be given and banquet to be maid to his Majesties nobilitie and followaris, and utheris expensis incident to his Royall recepitioun, will extend to grit sowmes of money, quhilk the commone guid of this burgh is not able to beare, thairfor ordaines the same to be taken off the nichtbours of this burgh be extent; and becaus the said extent can nocht be presentlie set, nor yit be known quhat sowmes ar to be debursed, or quhat the expensis will extend to, ordaines the thesaurer to deburse such sowmes of money as sallbe thought fitting, and ar to be expendit thairupon; and to that effect, ordaines moneyis to be borrowit upon proffeit for defraying of the saids chairgis, and quhatsomever is to be expendit theranent, and for releiff of the saids sowmes so to be borrowit, ordaines ane extent to be

set upon the neighbouris of the burgh for relief and repayment of quhatsumevir sowmes of money salbe expendit or employit be the thesaurer to that effect conforme to the compt to be given in be the thesaurer ther-anent and annuel rents of the same, and that be such proportiounes and pairts as salbe set doun be the proveist, baillies, counsall, and deacones of craftis of this burgh, and sal be fittest, als weill for releiff of the saids sowmes of the common gude as for the ease of the neighbours.

The same day ordainis Mr Johne Hay to mak the speich or harrang to his Majestie at his entrie at the West-port, quhen the samen salbe, and ordainis Mais-ter Alexander Guthrie and Maister Johne Hay to be clothed in gownis of figuret velvet.

July 26.

The quhilke day the proveist, baillies, ^{Kingis paill.} dein of gild, thesaurer, counsall and decouns of craftis, being con-venit in counsall, ordaines ane pale to be maid to be carried above his Majesties heid, and to be caryed be the four baillies, deyne of gild and thesaurer.

The same day ordainis the sword bearer to be apperillit in the samen forme that umquhill Robert Stewart maisser was.

Nov. 21.

Anent his Majesties Entrie. The quhilke day the provest, baillies, counsall and deacons of craftis being conveynit in counsall, appointes to advyse anent his Majesties entrie to this brugh, and haill thingis to be done thairanent, the provest, baillies, deyne of gild, treasurer, Johnne Byres, Peter Blackburne, George Suittie, Thomas Charteris, Alexander Speir, James Rae, Alexander Clerke, Mungo Makcall, James Cochran, Nicoll Udward, Joseph Marjoriebankis, Andro Scott, Thomas Weir, James Leslie, Laurence Cokburne, to meitt upone Tysday at nyne houres, and to report.

Feb. 25, 1629.

The quhilke day David Aikenheid, provest, &c. being convenit in counsell, forsameikle as the thesaurer, at command of the counsell, hes payit to John Burdoun, for his charges to London, ten punds Sterling, as also advanceit to him thrie score punds Sterling, for furneishing of the kingis banquett, quhilke is to be repayit to the thesaurer in maner contenit in

the articles and contract maid betwixt the said Johne and the said treasurer, and ordains the same to be allowet to him in his comptes.

Dec. 10, 1631.

The quhilk day, Alexander Clerke of Stentoun, Pro-
veist William Dick, Robert Achesoun, & John Smith bail-
lies, being convenit, Wheras it being constantlie reported
that his Majestie intends to visit this his ancient king-
dome in the nixt spring, or sommer following, and the
counsall considering that of before it was enacted, that
his Majestie sould be ressaivet in the most magnificent
forme that can be devysit, Thairfore appointes the pro-
vest, baillies, deyne of gild, thesaurer, Nicall Udward,
Andro Simpsoun, Johnne Rynd, Johnne Macnacht,
Mungo Makall, William Carnegye, and James Da-
nielstoun, or any sevin of thame, to meitt, conveyne,
consult, and deliberat anent all thinges requisit to be
done at his Majesties entrie, coronatioun, and all other
thinges that may concerne the same, and to sett down
the same in writt, and to report to the counsall, and
appointes Thomas Charteres to conveyne the rest
twyse or thyse, or oftner in the weik, as occasion
serves.

Anent re-
saving of
the King.

Jan. 11, 1633.

King's
coming

The quhillk day, Alexander Clerk of Stentoun, Provest Johnne Sinclare, William Gray, James Murray, and George Baillie, baillies &c. with ane gritt nomber of uther honest nighboures, Johnne Maknaght, Willyame Reid, David Makcall, Gilbert Williamsoun, and Alexander Danielston merchandis, being convenit in counsall: Whereas it being impairtit to the counsall, that his Majesty hes renewed his former resolutioun for cuming to this kingdome, which being likways comunicat to ane gritt nomber of the nighbours of best qualitie: Thairfore, after mature deliberatioun taken theranent, they all in one voice resolved, concludit, and ordanit that his Majestie salbe resavit within this burgh, in the most magnificent manner that can be devysit, as salbe sett doun be the Provest, Baillies, and Counsall and utheris to be deputed be theme; and forsameikle as the same, with the propyne to be givin and banquett to be maid to his Majestie, nobilitie and followers, and uther expenses incident to his royll receptioun, will extend to gritt sowmes of money, which the common guid of this burgh is not abill to beir: Thairfore, ordanis the same to be taiken of the nighboures of this burgh be extent; and becaus the said extent cannot be

presentlie sett, nor the soumes of money be knawin that ar to be debursed, nor quhat the expensis thairof will extend to: Thairfore ordanis the Thesaurer to deburse such soumes of money as salbe thocht fitting, and ar to be expendit in maner abonewritten: And ordanis moneyis to be borrowit be the thesaurer upon profit, for defraying of the saids chargis, and whatsumevir is to be expendit that way, and for relieff of the saids soumis to be borrowit, ordanis ane extent to be sett upon the nighboures of this burgh for relieff and repayment of whatsumevir soumes of money salbe expendit or employit be the thesaurer to that effect, conforme to the comptis to be givn in be the thesaurer theranent, and the annuelrents of the same, and that by such proportiounes and pairtis as salbe sett doun be the Provest, Baillies, and Counsall, and Deacons of craftis of this burgh as salbe fittest both for thair releiff and the commoun guid and the ease of the neighbours.

Jan. 12.

The quhilk day the proveist, baillies, deyne of gild, thesaurer, counsall, and deykins of craftis being convenit in counsall, forsamikle as the said counsall haveing resolved for to mak all preparatiounes that may tend to ane honorabill receptioun of his Majestie within this burgh, Thairfore, they appoint to consult and deliberat ther-

anent the proveist, baillies, deyn of gild, thesaurer, David Aikenheid, Thomas Charteres, Robert Achesoun, Johnne Smith, Joseph Marjoriebankes, Johnne Maknaught, James Cochran, Archibald Tod, Thomas Quhyte, James Danielstoun, and ordainis the saidis personnes to conveyne at all tymes requisite, and to appoint and tak ordour for the banquett, pages, and all uther thinges that may be incident to his Majesties receptioun.

Jan. 14.

The quhilc day Alexander Clerk of Stentoun, Provost, John Sincler, William Gray, James Murrey, and George Baillie, bailyies; being convenit in counsall, ratifies and approves the act of counsall maid the elevent of this instant anent his Majesties entrie, and soumes of money to be debursed thairupon, and releiff thairof be extent in all the heids, clauses, and circumstances thairof.

March 27,

King's re-saving. The quhilc day the Provost, Baillies, Deyne of Gild, Thesurer, Counsall and Deykens of craftis, being convenit in counsall, the counsall being myndit to intertain his Majesty with all the magnificence that lyes in thair power, Thairfore, they have concludit and resolved, that his Majesty sal be resaivit be such ane number of reid gownes, as they sall heirefter appoint.

April 5.

The quhilk day, the Provest, Baillies, Dean of Gild,^{Middings.} Thesaurer, Counsall and Deykens of craftes, being convenit in counsall, finding the hie streettes and publict vennellis of this burgh to abound with all kynd of filth, to the reprotche of the toun, when strangeris does repair to the same, for remeid quhairof, it is statut and ordainit, that none presume nor tak upon hand to gather the said filth or middings in anie place, within this burgh, under the Payne of Fye pundis, and farder punishment of their persounes at the discretioun of thair magistrattis. And that all nichtbours that sall have any filth or dirt to cast furth of thair houses, that they putt out the same before thair durris before sex houres in the morning ilk day, certifieng all such as sall cast furth any filth, after the said tyme, sall incurre ane unlaw of Fye pundis *toties quoties*. And siclyke dischairses all persounes for casting out of thair drye saittes upon the hie streittes or vennellis, but that thai carye the same under nicht to remote and convenient places, out of the sicht of the people, under the Payne of Fye pundis, *toties quoties*. And ordaines this statute to be intimat throw this burgh, that nane pretend ignorance.

The same day, forsamekle as it is statut and ordeynet that all the filth within the houses of this burgh be cast furth before sax houres in the morning, and that nane gather nor keip the same within anie plaice within this burgh. Thairfore ordainis the baillies to agree with some honest man, for keiping ane hors and kairt to goe through the town and taking up the filth cast furth of the housis of this burgh. As also because the said cairt cannot goe convenientlie through everie vennel. Thairfore ordaines other persones to be appointed be the baillies to pas with quheill barrowes through the saids vennelles, and to carye the same to the foote or heid of the said closses, to be caryit away af the commoun streett, and the expenses debursit thereupone salbe allowit to theme in their comptes.

April 18.

The quhilk day Alexander Clerke of Stentoun, Provost, &c. being convenit in counsall, & the said counsall finding it expedient, that his Majestie sould not onlie be acquainted with the preparatiounes maid and to be maid for his Majesties entrie to this toun, and his advyse to be craved anent such other thinges as wilbe incident theranent, but also to supplicat his Majestie anent all such thinges, as concernis the liberties and publict guid of this burgh. Thairfore, they have

elected and chosen, and electis and choises Maister Alexander Guthrie to be commissioner for thame, for passing to his Majestie anent the premisses, and ordainis the thesaurer to pay his chairges, and the same salbe allowit to him in his comptes, and ordainis these appointed for these affaires to sett doun his instrucionis in all thinges. As lykewayes ordainis ane commissioun to be givin and sent to Sir Johnne Hay theranent, with ane letter desyring him to accept upone him the same, and if his plaice or uther occasiouunes sall not suffer the same, that then his Lordship wald concurr with the said Maister Alexander in all thinges, and the provest and baillies to subscryve the same, wheranent thir presents salbe thair warrant.

Jun. 7.

The quhilk day, the Provest, Baillies, Deyne of Gild, Thesaurer, Counsall, and Deykins of craftis, being convenit in counsall, ordanis James Loch, thesaurer, to pay to thair four ordiner drummars, for thair encouradgement and decoremant at his Majesties entrie and being here, the soume of ane hundredth markes, to be equallie devydit amongst theme, and the same salbe allowit to the said thesaurer in his comptes.

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Jul. 19.

The same day, for samekle as the Proveist, Baillies, & Counsall having convenit upon the twelft day of Januari last, with ane gritt nombur of the nighboures of this burgh of best qualitie, did resolve and ordayne his Majestie to be resaivit within this burgh in the most magnificent and soleme maner could be devysit, and ordainit the Thesaurer to borrow such soumes of money for doeing thairof as he sould neid, as the act maid thareanent of the dait forsaide at more lenth beris. And the said Thesaurer haveing performit all and whatsumever was fund to be requisite, both for his Majesties receptionoun, propyne, banquett, and uther thingis prescryved to him, did advance, and upoune his owne credit, borrowed certain soumes of money, for repayment of ane pairt wheroft, the said Thesaurer hes borrowit from Johnne Maknaght, the soume of four thousand merkis, from Maister Alexander Clerk, the soume of threttein thousand merkis, from Patrick Eleis, merchand, aught thousand merkis, from Robert Carnegie, ten thousand merkis, quherof the said Thesaurer grantit the resaitt from the particular persounes abonwrittin, And thairfor the said Proveist, Baillies, and Counsall, ordainis particular bands to be givin to the saidis persounes for thair saids soumes, to be payed

to theme at Martymes next, with the annuelrent for the same, and the Provest, Baillies, and Clerk to subscryve the same in thair names, with the which soumes, they ordaine the said thesaurer to be chairedged in his comptes, and to be dischraiged therwith againe, as givin out to the use foresaid, upon particular compt to be maid be him of the whole soumes of money bestowit be him upon his Majesties receptioun, propyne and banquet.

Aug. 7, 1633.

The quhilk day, the Baillies, Dene of Gild, Thesaurer, Counsill, and Deykins of craftis being convenit in counsill, ordanis James Loch, thesaurer, to pay to Stephan Tilliedaff, musicioun, for setting and acting of the musick at Parnassus hill, and at his Majesties banquett, in satisfacioun of his paines, tua hundred merkis, and to Andro Sinclare, organist, for his paines and travellis in the same, ane hundred merkis, and the same sal be allowit to him in his comptes.

II.—ORDERS OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL OF SCOTLAND, RELATIVE TO THE KING'S RECEPTION,—1628—1633.

His Majesties rentis appointit to be employed
upoun the repairing of his Majesties houses.
—*July 17, 1628.*

Forsameikill as the King's Majestie haveing by his letter directed to the Lords of his Privie Counsel, signified his Royall purpose and resolutioun, to honour this his ancient kingdome with his presence, God willing, in the month of September, now approaching, And whairas the honour and credite of the kingdome requires, that for his Majesteis contented receptioun, his houses be repaired in that comelie and decent ordour, as the necessitie and conveniencie of the tyme will permitt, whilks workes will require present and readie money, and daylie and weekelie debursements : Thairfoir, the saids Lords hes concluded and ordained, and be this present act concludes and ordains, that the first and rediest of his Majesties moneyes, rents, and casualties of this kingdome sall be employed upon the necessar workes of the repairing of his Majesteis houses. And that these workes and the moneyes to be bestowed thairupoun, sall be preferred to all others payments whatsomever, Commanding heereby his Majesteis thes-

aurar, deputie-thesaurar and ressavers of his Majesteis rents, that they nor none of thame answere nor make payment or delyverie of anie moneyes whatsomever to anie persoun or persouns, or to anie use, till first his Majesteis houses be repaired. Toward the reparatioun whairof, the saids Lords destinats the first and readiest of his Majesteis rents and casualiteis, notwithstanding of anie warrands or precepts to be directed in the contrarie.

Warrant to the Thesaurair.

The Lords of Secret Counsell allowes his Majesteis thesaurar, to give licences for importing of ane hundredth and fiftie twinne of English beir, for furnishing of his Majesteis hous, provyding that the same be imported betuix and the tuentie-fourt day of August.

The Lords of Secret Counsell ordains the clerk-regis-
ter, Sir Henrie Wardlaw, to examine Dauid Thomsoun
his compt and charge for his Majesteis fyre vessell,
and to consider and report what is wanting thairin, as
alsua to sight his Majesteis wardrop, and to make a
note of such things as ar defective or wanting in the
same.

Direction to the Provest and Baillies of Edinburgh.

The whilk day, the proveist and bailleis of Edinburgh, comperand before his Majesteis Counsell, they were desired to advise with the counsell of thair toun, if monyes might be had and lent upon good and sufficient securitie, for making a provisioun aganis his Majesteis heere comming, and to report the nixt counsell day.

Ane Missive ordanit to be written to his Majestie.

The whilk day it wes thought meit, be the Lords of Privie Counsell, that ane missive sould be writtin to his Majestie, and another to such of the nobilitie and counsell as ar with his Majestie, acquainting his Majestie and thame with the difficulteis and impediments, to have all preparatiouns requisite, for the honour and credite of this kingdome, in readines aganis the appointed tyme of his Majesteis heere comming, and it wes thought meit, that Mr Dauid Fullertoun, sould be directed with all diligence to court with thir letters.

Warrant to the Lord Thesaurair.—*July 18,*
1628.

The Lords of Secretit Counsell, for the better disposing and ordouring of all things concerning his Majesties hous and equire aganis his Hienes heere cuming,

nominats and appoints the Erle of Mar, lord thesaurar, the Erle of Hadintoun, lord privie seale, if his health will permit, the Lord Erskine, the bishop of Dumblane, the clerk register, and Sir John Scot, and suche of thame as sall be present for the tyme, with Sir William Seatoun, Sir James Dundas, John Areskine of Balgonie, Sir Henrie Wardlaw, and James Durhame of Pittarrow, Mr James Aittoun, and Mr John Drummond, to conveene and meete at suche tymes and plaices, and sua oft as they sall be wairned be the Lord Thesaurair, or be his directioun. And at thair meetings, to informe thameselfis, who served the late King at his being in this cuntrie, how manie of thame ar alyve, and who ar dead, and to deale with thame who ar alyve, to accept that same charge and service upoun thame, wharein they servit his Majesteis lait fathēr. And if thay refuse to place others in thair rowmes, and to appoint some to supplee the rownie of these who ar dead, and to prescryve rules, and to give directioun in all and everie thing concerning the provisioun and furnishing of his Majesteis hous.

Nomination of the maisters of Houshold.

The whilk day it is thought meet, that the Lord Colvill, the laird of Lochinvar, Harie Areskine, Sir Wil-

liam Seatoun, and Sir James Dundas, sall be maisters of housshold to his Majestie during his abode here.

Directioun to the Lyoun Herauld.

The Lords ordanis the lyoun herald, who was present, to informe himselffe aganis Monday nixt, what hes beene the ancient forme of Coronatioun of the Kings of this kingdome, and to report the said day.

Proclamation aganis the slaughter of wylde foule.—*July 21, 1628.*

Forsameikill as the Kings Majestie has resolved, God willing, to repaire verie shortlie to this his ancient kingdome for some great and important effaires concerning his Majestie in honour and estait; And whair-as the credite and reputatioun of the countrie requires that his Majestie and his trayne be weill and abundantlie furnished with all kynde of wylde foule duiring the tyme of his abode heere yit the Lords of Secretit Counsell ar informed that thair is a verie great slaughter and destructioun of the said wylde foule of all sorts, both young and old, throughout all the pairts of the kingdome; And if some course be not tane for preventing and staying the forder destructioun of the same, it is verie lykelie that few or nane

will be had to furnishe his Majesteis hous the tyme of his heere being: Thairfoir the saids Lords ordains letters to be direct, To command, charge, and inhibite all and sindrie his Majesteis lieges and subjects, be opin proclamatioun at the mercat croces of the heid burrowes of this kingdome, and others plaices needfull, that nane of thame presoome, nor take vpoun hand, to take or slay anie powtes, or anie vther kynde of wylde foule, vntill the tyme of his Majesteis comming in this kingdome, vnder the paine of fortie punds, to be incurred be everie persoun and persons contraveening, so oft as they sall happen to contraveene: As alsua, to command, charge, and inhibite all and sindrie his Majesteis lieges and subjects, that nane of them presoome nor take vpon hand, in this meane tyme, to buy nor eate anie kynde of powtes, or wylde foule, bot that they absteane thameselfes thairfra, to the intent the same may be the more abundant and plentifull the tyme of his Majesteis heere being, vnder the pane of twentie punds, to be incurred be everie persoun or persons contraveening thir presents, so oft as they sall failyie, Certifeing thame that sall doe in the contrair of the premises, that the paines respective foresaids shall be inflicted vpoun thame without favour: And siclyke, to command and charge all and sindrie stewarts, provests, and baileis, within burgh, that they and everie

ane of thame within the bounds of thair severall offices and jurisdiccionis, have a speciall care and regaird to see thir presents observed in every point ; and that they caus attend thair mercats and see that no kynde of wylde foule, young nor old, be bought nor sauld within the same ; And whair they sall happen to discouer anie contraveening of thir presents, that they take speciall notice of thame, and punish thame accordinglie ; And that they notifie thair names to his Majesteis counsell, to the intent the paines forsaid may be uplifted of thame with rigour.

Extract of a letter from the Privy Council to
the King.—*July 24, 1628.*

And tuicheing the tyme of your Majesteis most wished heere comming, It is resolved by the voyces of the whole table, that the end of the Spring will be fittest for that earand : All whilks submitting to your most judicious and royll consideratioun, and humblie beseeching your Majestie to let us have the significatioun of your Majesteis royll pleasure heeranent with suche diligence as your Majesteis others effaires will permit, We pray, &c.—Halyruidhous, primo Augusti 1628. Subscribitur, Mar, Monteith, Hadinton, Winton, Perth, Lorne, Areskine, Dumblane, Sir Thomas Hoip, Hamiltoun, Sir Johne Scot.

Act in favours of the Provest and Baillies of Edinburgh anent the Kings Bark.—*Dec. 11, 1628.*

Anent the supplicatioun presentit to the Lords of Secreit Counsale, be the provest and baillies of Edinburgh, Makand mention, that whair when our lait Soverane Lord come to this kingdome, they built ane bark for his Majesties transport betwix the ferryis. And it was our Soverane now present his pleasure, that they sould doe the lyke againe his Majesties heere cuming, whilk in all submissive and deutifull obedience, the saids supplicants ar willing to performe. Bot they are informed that thair is some other course intendent for his Majesties service in this point, whereunto (if so be his Majesties pleasure) they are willing in all humilitie to acquiesce. Humbly desyring tharfore, the said Lords to lat thayme know how to carie thameselfis in this matter, lyke as at mair length is contenit in the said supplicatioun ; quhairupoun Alexander, Erle of Linlithgow, Lord High Admirall of this kingdome, being heard, and he being demandit if he had anie purpose or intention to doe anie thing in this mater, he declaired that the charge of that busines belonged unto him as his Majesties admirall, and that he would doe thairin that whilk to the deutie and

credite of his place and charge apperteanned for his Majesties honnour and contentment. In respect of the whilk declaratioun made be the Lord Admirall, The Lords of Secretit Counsall exoneris and releeves the saidis supplicants of all blame, cryme, and imputation, that may be imputed aganis thame, or layed to thair charge, for not preparing of ane bark for his Majesties transport betwix the ferryes, and declares thame to be fred and exonered thairof for ever.

Warrant for bigging up the east style of Halyruidhouse kirk-yaird.—*Feb. 26, 1629.*

Forsameikill as the Lords of Secretit Counsall, considering how that thir divers yeeres bygane, the people repairing to the burgh of Edinburgh, from Mussilburgh, Fisherraw, and other pairts in East Lothiane, hes maid thair ordinarie passage throw the kirk-yard of Halyruidhous, whilk they defyle with filth and otherwayis, especiallie at the verie side of the kirk, and direct under the windowes of his Majesties galrie of Halyruidhouse, whilk will be verie unseemlie to be sene be strangers the time of his Majesties heere being: Thairfore the saids Lords, upon the consideration foresaid, and upoun many othir good respects, hes thought meit and expedient, commanded and ordained, that the east style, leading to the church-yard of the

said kirk shall be closed and built up with stone and lyme, for restrayning of the passage of people throw the said kirk-yaird, whilk is no hie nor ordinarie way. Anent the closing and building up of the whilk style, this present act shall be unto these whome it concerns a sufficient warrand.

March 5, 1629.

The Lords of Secrett Counsell, remembryng that the Admirall. Magistrats of the burgh of Edinburgh made offer to prepare a pinnace upoun their awin charges, for transporting of his Majestie to and fra Leith, Bruntilland, and Kinghorne ; and that the Erle of Linlithgow, Lord Admirall, opposed the same, and undertooke the burden thairof as ane point proper to his charge ; Thairefore the Lordis finds, that if his Majesties admirall has or will build a pinnace for that service, that he must doe it upon his awin charges, and that his Majesties coffers must not be burdeined thairwith.

Direction to the schireff of Edinburgh anent
the Hiewayes.—*March 26, 1629.*

Forsameikill as the Kings Majestie is resolved, God willing, to honnour this his ancient kingdome with his royll presence this present yeere, and for this effect hes recommendit to the Lords of his Privie Counsell

that present ordour and directioun be givin that the hie wayes throw quhilk his Majestie is to travel, be made faire and passable for coaches and otherwayes : And whereas, the following out of this bussines hes beene committed to some speciall persouns of authortie and place vnder his Majestie in eache Shirefdome. The Lords of Secretit Counsell, thairfoir, hes made choise of the shireff principall of Edinburgh, and the conveener of the Justices of peace within the said shirefdome, to survey the hie way and passage betuix Edgebuckline bray, and the water of Almound, and for giving of ordour and directioun for enlarging and mending of the same : And, thairfoir, the Lords of Secretit Counsell ordanis letteris to be direct, charging Sir James M^cGill of Cranstounriddill, shireff principal of Edinburgh, and Sir George Forrester of Corstorphine, conveener of the Justices of peace within the said shirefdome, to appoint some short day, where and when they, with some others of the Justices of peace within the said shirefdome, sall meit, and to caus tymous warning to be made vnto thame for that effect ; And that they ryde the commoun hie way and passage within the saids bounds throw the quhilks his Majestie is to pas, and consider what pairts thairof neids ather to be enlarged or mended ; And after consideratioun thairof, that they prescrive and set doun in writ

the forme and ordour whilk they thinke fittest how the saids wayes may be repaired by the travellis and charges of the inhabitants within the nixt adjacent parishes ; And that they appoint overseers to see that peace of service outred, appointing the same to be performed and perfytted betuix and the twentie day of Apryle ; and that they compeir personallie before the Lords of his Majesties Privie Counsell vpoun the fyfene day of Apryle nixt to come, and make a report of thair diligence in the premises, and of the obedience of the inhabitants within the saids bounds to thair directiouns, to the intent that if anie thing be than unperfyte, these who sall be found to be negligent may be censured and punished accordinglye, under the pane of rebellioun, and putting of thame to the horne, with certificatioun, &c.

Anent the hie wayes within the bounds of the shirefdome of Edinburgh.—*April 15, 1629.*

Forsameikill as the Shireff of Edinburgh, and some of the Justices of peace within the said shirefdome, commissioners nominat be the Lords of Privie Counsell, for sighting of the hie wayes and passages within the bounds of the shirefdome of Edinburgh throw the whilks his Majestie is to travell, and for causing the same to be enlarged and mendit, and made passable

for hors and coaches, they have verie ordourlie and discreitlie proceedit in this busines, and hes made, prescryved and sett doun the forme and ordour how the saids wayes sall be enlarged and mended ; as namelie, they have found that the hie way betuix the Wakers hole at St Ninians Raw, at Leith Wynde foote, sall be enlarged, helped, and mended, be the inhabitants of the parochins following, as is after divydit, viz. fra the east end of the lang gait to the Cowt Bridge, and fra the calsey end at the West Porte thairto, be the parochiners of St Cuthberts, at the sight of the Laird of Braid and Sir Williame Nisbitt ; and fra the Cowt Bridge to the ferrie gait be west Corstorphine, be the parochins of Corstorphine, Crawmond, Hales, and Currie, at the sight of the lairds of Corstorphine, Colintoun, Gogar, and Graycruick ; and fra the ferrie gait to the water of Almound, be the parochins of Rathow, Kirknewtoun, Calder, and Kirklistoun, on the east side of the said water of Almound, quhilk lyes within this shirefdome, at the sight of Sir Johne Dalmahoy, Alexander Inglis of Rottonraw, and Johne Libbertoun, baillie of Kirknewtoun ; and that the hie way betuix Clockemylne and the Magdalene bridge is fitt to be helped and mended be the inhabitants of the parishes of Restalrig, Duddingstoun, Inueresk, Libbertoun, and Newton, at the sight of Henrie Nisbitt, portioner of

Restalrig, Thomas Thomsoun of Duddingstoun, Hay of Montoun, James Rig of Carbarrie, and baileis of Mussilburgh, persouns thought fitt to be overseers of the said worke: And they find it expedient, that the inhabitants within the parishes foresaids sould come to the repairing of the saids hie wayes furnished with mattockes, gavelockes, hurlebarrowes, uther barrowes, schuills, creills, skulls, and uthers necessarie instruments fitt for repairing of the saids wayes; and that they sould follow furth, performe, and fulfill suchे ordour and injunctiouns as sall be sett doun to thame thereanent be the saids overseers; As alsua, they find that the peece way betuix the Corse Calsey, be north St Cuthberts kirk and the West Port of Edinburgh, aucht and sould be mendit be the burgh of Edinburgh, as in ane act made to this effect at length is conteanit. And whereas the saids commissioners hes tane so great panes and travellis in this bussines, and hes so wiselie and moderatlie prescryved and sett doun the forme and ordour how the saids passages and wayes sall be mendit and enlarged as said is Necessar it is that the course prescryved be thame be followed out be these whome it apperteanes; And thairfoir, ordains letteris to be direct, charging all and sindrie noblemen, barouns, and parochiners, vnto whome the charge of this service is injoynned, that they and everie ane of thame,

for thair awin pairts, doe and performe that pairet of deutie in the said service whilk to thame apperteannes, and whilk is injoyned vnto thame; And that they make no shift, excuse, nor delay, vpon whatsomever cullour or pretext as they and ilk ane of thame will answere vpon the contrarie, at thair highest perrell, and vnder the pane to be callit, persewed, and punished, in thair persouns and goods, at the arbitrement of his Majesties counsell, as hinderers of his Majesties service, and contemners and disobeyers of his Majesties royll commandment.*

Letters from the King to the Privy Council
anent his Majesties heere coming.—*Dec. 11,*
1632.

CHARLES R.

Right trustie, and right weil belouit cousin
and counseller, right trustie and weil belouit cousins
and councellers, and right trustie and weil belouit coun-
sellours, wee greet you weill, As by sindrie of our let-
ters, we have given you due advertisement for causing
prepare and doe suche things as wer necessarie, for our

* Similar orders are given for repairing the Highways within the coun-
ty of Linlithgow, betwixt Falkland & Perth, Dunfermline and Falkland,
through which his Majesty was likely to pass.

reparing to that our kingdome, and abode there, and for causing mend the hie wayes in these places, where we ar to resort, So having occassioun to direct thither our right trustie, and right weil belouit cousin and counsellor, the Erle of Stratherne, president of our Privie Counsell, for these and others things, concerning our service, to whome we have particularlie imparted our mynde, and whome you sall trust frome us therin, and some others things for that purpose. It is our pleasure after you have taken thame into your consideration, that you give order for effectuating thairof, with als muche diligence as may be, that our said cousine may returne backe fullie instructed to satisfie us therein, as we have given him order to doe with all diligence, which speciallie recommending to your care, and whairof we will expect a speciall accompt, We bid you farewell frome our Court at Whitehall, the 11th day of December 1632.

Dec. 28, 1632.

CHARLES *R.*

Right trustie, and right weil belouit cousine and counsellor, right trustie and weil belouit cousins and counsellors, and right trustie and weil belouit counsellors, we greet you weill, We have sufficientlie expressed our resolution to you, for repairing, (God will-

ing) the nixt Sommer, to that our ancient kingdome, for receaving our Crown, and holding a Parliament there, having written unto you, that a speciall and timely care might be had for giving order to provide in generall for all things necessarie and decent for our receptioun and interteanement during our abode there. Bot becaus there be diuerse things in particular, concerning our interteanement, whereof, in a peculiar maner, a speciall care sould be had by our Thesaurers, principall and deputie, upon whome we have now imposed a charge thereof, and that the tymely foreseing and provyding for the same, will require more then ane ordinar care and burdein: Our pleasure is, that frome tyme to tyme, as our saids officers or anie of thame sall have occasioun to require your advice and aide, you furthwith assist and concurre with theme, or anie of them in the speedie execution of what we have particularlie imposed upon thame, or in anie other thing you sall finde requisite for our service in that kynd. We bid you farewill from our Court at Whitehall, the 28th of December, 1632.

Charges anent fed nolt.—*Jan. 10, 1633.*

Forsameekle as a littill before our Souerane Lords derrest father of famous and blessed memorie, come to this kingdome in the 1617 yeere of God, the Magis-

trats^r of the burrowes and touns particularlie underwrittin, undertook to cause feed and have in readines, the nomber of fed nolt underwrittin, aganis his Majestieis coming. They ar to say the burgh of Perth, sax score fed nolt. The burgh of Dundie, 300 fed nolt. The burgh of Stirline, 20 ky, and 20 veillis. The citie of Glasgow, 300 fed nolt. The citie of St Andrews, 60 fed nolt. The burgh of Couper 24 fed nolt. The toun of Alloway, 30 fed nolt. The burgh of Dumfermeline, 7 fed nolt, 16 ky, 12 young oxen. The burgh of Inuerkeithing, 10 fed nolt. The burgh of Dysert, 12 fed nolt. The burgh of Pittenweme, 10 fed nolt. The burgh of Anstruther Wester, 4 fed nolt. The burgh of Anstruther Easter, 12 fed nolt. The burgh of Monrose, 56 fed nolt. The citie of Brechin, 100 fed nolt. The burgh of Forfar, 20 fed nolt. The town of Kyllimure, 32 fed nolt. The burgh of Linlithgow, 24 fed nolt, and 24 young oxen. The toun of Dalkeith, 20 fed nolt and ky. The toun of Mussilburgh, 12 fed nolt. The toun of Newbottill, 30 fed nolt. And the Justices of Peace, within the shirrefdome of Perth, sevinscore fed nolt. And whereas the Kingis Majestie is resolved, God willing, to satisfie the long wishes of his good and loving subjects, by honnouring of this his ancient kingdome, with his royll presence, this approaching spring there is the lyke necessitie for

the credite and reputatioun of the kingdome, and for his Majesteis contented reception heere, That sufficient provision be made of all things necessar for the furnishing of his Majesteis hous and tryne. Thairfore ordanis letters to be direct, to command and charge the provest and baileis of the burrowes and touns, particularlie abonewrittin, To compeir be ane of their nomber, sufficientlie instructed, and Sir Patrick Ogilvie of Inchemartine, conveener of the Justices of Peace within the sherefdom of Perth, To compeir personallie before the Lords of Priuie Counsel, upon the 24 day of Januar instant, To resolve and assure the saids Lords what nomber of fed nolt thay will undertake and promise to have in readinesse again his Majesteis heere comming, under the pane of rebellion, &c. with certificatioun, &c.

Charges anent Lodgings.

Forsameikle as the Kingis Majestie is resolved, God willing, to honnour this his ancient kingdome with his royall presence, this approaching sommer, And whereas it imports verie muche to the honnour and credite of the kingdome, that his Majesties tryne and followers, among whome there will be a great nomber of the nobilitie, and of others persons of good ranke and qualitie of the kingdome of England, be commo-

diouslie and hansdomelie lodged in all the tounes where his Majestie will reside for the tyme, and that these touns be weill and sufficientlie furnished with all kynde of vivers and provisioun for men and hors: That thair lodgings be cleane, handsome, and neate: That the bedding and naperie be cleane and weill smelled: That the puter vessels be of sufficient large-nesse: That no filth nor middings be seene upon thair streets, and that no beggers be seene upon thair bounds. And, seeing his Majestie will honour the touns following; to wit, Edinburgh and the Cannogait, Linlithgow, Stirline, Dumfermline and Falkland, with his royll presence, And that, during his Majesties stay at Dunglas ane great part of his tryne and followers must be lodged in Dunbar and Haddington, and dur-ing his abode in Seaton, some of his tryne must be lodged at Tranent, Mussilburgh, and Dalkeith: Thair-foir it becomes thame tymouslie to foresee and to pro- vide, that there be no enlaikeof anie kynde of provisioun and furnishing in their touns, and that all things be so orderlie and handsomelie prepared and dressed within the same as may give his Majestie and histyne content- ment. And, for this effect, ordanis letters to be direct, charging the proveists and baillies of the burrowes and tounes, particularlie above written, as alsua the baillies of Leith, West Port, and Potterraw, to compeir be

ane of their nomber sufficientlie instructed for their toun, before the Lords of Privie Counsell, upon the 24 of Januar instant, and to bring and produce with thame ane perfyte catalogue and roll of the haill lodgings and stables within thair touns, and what nomber of persons everie lodging will commodiouslie and convenientlie lodge, and what number of horses their stables will containe: And that the said catalogue and roll conteane the names of the persons, awners of the saids lodgings and stables, and in what parts of thair touns the saids lodgings and stables ar, and to vnderly suche forder order as sall be enjoyned unto thame both anent the keeping of their touns cleane frome filth, and provyding the same sufficientlie with all kynds of furniture for men and hors; and anent such others things as sall be prescryved and enjoyned unto thame, vnder the pane of rebellioun, &c. With certification, &c.

Charges aganis Persons dwelling in the Palaces
of Halyrudhous, Linlithgow, Falkland, &c.—
Jan. 31.

Forsameikle as it is verie necessar and expedient, for the better accomodating and loodging of his Majestie and his tryne, in his Majesties awin housis of the castles of Edinburgh and Stirline, and of his palaces of Linlith-

gow, Falkland, Dumfermline, and Halyrudhous, that all persons who dwellis within the saids houssis, or possessis any roumis or chambers within the same, sall remove thameselffis their servants and goods furth thairof, and leave the same voide and red, and delyver the keyes thairof to his Majesties thesaurer, or deputie thesaurer, or to the maister of his Majesties warkis, to the intent that all the saids houssis may be readie and patent to his Majesties harbinger, and that he may designe and appoint the same to such of his Majesties tryne as he sall think meet: Thairfor, ordanis letters to be direct, charging all persons dwelling within any of his Majesties houses forsaids, &c. to remove thame selffis, their servants, and goods furth thairof, &c.

Proclamation anent Lodgings in the Canon-gait.—*Feb. 28.*

Forasmeikle as the Lords of Secrett Counsell ar informed, that the whole, or most pairt of the lodgings and stables within the Cannogait ar alreadie tane up be some persones of this kingdome, so that suche of his Majesties tryne and followeris as necessarilie must be lodged neere his Majesties persoun during his abode at Halyrudhous will not be commodiouslie accommodat in lodgings and stables within the said Cannogait, bot will be constrained to seek their lodgings in

remote and farr places from his Majesties hous and palace, to the disappointing and neglecting of his Majesties service, which will not onlie be offensive to his Majestie, bot will be a great discredit to the countrie, that his Majesties proper domesticks, who must necessarilie attend his royll persoun, sall be disappointed of their lodgings: Thairfoir, the Lords of Secrett Counsell hes thought meit, heirby to intimat and declare, that all these who hes tane, or myndes to take lodgings and stables in the Cannogait, that they will be frustrat and disappointed of their intents, and that all the saids lodgings and stables will be tane up and marked for his Majesties owne tryne and followers, be his Majesties harbingers, at their heere coming. And ordains letters to be direct to mak publication hereof be open proclamatioun, at the mercat cross of Edinburgh, and the Cannogait, and to warne all persones who hes tane or myndes to take lodgings and stables in the Canongait, that they provide thameselffes of lodgings and stables, otherwayes assuring thame that they will be dissappointed, and that the saids lodgings and stables will be tane up and marked for his Majesties tryne and followers.

Warrant to take the Heads aff the West Port.
—*Mar. 14.*

The Lords of Secrett Counsell, in regarde of the solemmiteis and showes quhilks ar to be made by the Magistrats of the burgh of Edinburgh, at the West-port of the said burgh at his Majesties entrie within the same, gives warrant and allowance be thir presents to the provest and baillies of Edinburgh, to caus tak aff the heads of some malefactours whilks ar set up upon the said West-port, quhereanent thir presents sall be to thame ane warrant.

ANENT HIS MAJESTIES ENTRIE IN EDINBURGH,
AND CORONATIOUN.—*June 12, 1633.*

The Lords of Secrett Counsell having takin to thair consideratioun the forme and order fitting to be observed at his Majesties entrie within the burgh of Edinburgh, it is thought meit that the Scottish nobilitie sall preceed and ryde immediatlie before his Majestie, and that the English nobilitie sall ryde behind his Majestie, and that the nobilitie sall keep thair rankes without mixing with the gentrie, and that the Lord Marishell have ane care that they ryde in order without presse or confusioun.

The Lords thinke fit that his Majestie, about the west end of the long gait neere to St Cuthbert's church, sall take his great horse, whereupon he is to enter in the toun, and that the heretour and tennent of the ground sall be satisfied of the skaith whilk they sall susteane upon that occasioun.

That a sword be carried before his Majestie at his entrie within the toun, and that the same be delyvered be the Lord Chamberlane to such a nobleman as the King sall appoint for the carrying thairof.

Anent the carrying of the canopie, the tyme of his Majesties Coronatioun, it is thought meit that there be ane list of twelffe noblemens sones presentit to his Majestie, to the intent his Majestie may out of these make choise of sax for the service foresaid.

It is thought meit, that the haill noblemen and bishops, with sax commissioners for the gentrie, and sax for the burrowes, sall, that morning of the coronatioun, goe to the Kings presence, and there make tender of thair dewtie in name of the estaits, in the words set doun in the booke of the coronatioun, quhilk speeche sall be delyvered be the Lord Chancellor.

That his Majestie be consulted anent the order and place to be keepeyd be the Lords Chancellor and Constable in thair ryding, the time of the entrie, coronatioun, and parliament, as lykeways anent the place and order of ryding of the bishops the tymes foresaids.

Remitts to his Majestie who sall be almoner the day of the coronatioun.

That the honouris be carried be the same persons at the coronatioun who ar to carrie the same at the Parliament, to witt, the eldest in creation.

Remitts to his Majestie who sall carrie the spurres.

The apparrelling and disrobing of his Majestie, the day of the coronatioun, and during the action thereof, belongs to the Lord Chamberlane in the right of his office.

The girding of the King with the sword, as lykewayes the drawing of the sword perteanes to the Constable.

The presenting to his Majestie of the Temporal Lords, who ar to give thair oath, and kisse his Majesties cheeke, is dew to be done be the Constable.

June 13.

The Lords of Secreit Counsell ordanis, that no coache enter within his Majesties court with more then foure horsis.

The Lords of Secreit Counsell ordanis and commands the Provest and Baillies of Edinburgh, to caus take doun the gallowes and malefactor hanged thereon at the east end of the linkes.

The Lords thinkes it meit, that the Magistrats of Edinburgh, and the Erle of Roxburgh, as superiour of the Canongait, be required to provide sand in abundance for covering thair streits. As lykewayes, that they be remembered anent the extortioun of chamber maillis within thair bounds.

The Lords thinkes fit, that the trumpeters, the day of his Majesties entrie, meit his Majeste, and sound upon the linkes of Leith.

The Lords thinkes meit, that the gentlemen pensioners sall forbear to ryde or attend his Majestieis person the tyme of his entrie and coronatioun.

Apud Dalkeith, 14th June 1633.

The whilk day the Kings Majestie, with the advice of the Lords of his Secrett Counsell, has thought meit and expedient, concluded and ordained, that, for his Majesties more statelie and orderlie entrie within the burgh of Edinburgh, the Lords Spirituall and Temporall, and others who by thair charge and place owes attendance at that action, sall convein and meit his Majestie upon the long gait, at one of the cloke in the afternoone, where they sall be marishalled and ranked according to thair dignitie and place, and sall ryde and accompanie his Majestie at his entrie within the said burgh, and conduct him to his palace of Halyrudhous, in the manner and order following, to witt, the Marques of Hamilton, as maister of the horses sall ryde a little behind his Majestie, leading ane horse of state ; the Erle of Erroll, by his Majesties appointment sall receave from the Lord Chamberlanc, ane shethed sword, which the said Erle sall carie immediatlie before his Majestie, and sall ryde upon the Chamberlanc his right hand ; nixt unto thame Lyoun king at armes, and such of his brethren as he sall make choise of ; then the Ischer before him, the Almoner, and Master of Reueists ; nixt to thame, the Lords Chancillor and

Thesaurer ; then the twa Archbishops ; nixt to thame, the Erles and Viscounts, then the Bishops, and last, the Lords. And that the toun of Edinburgh sall have a standing guaird upon either side of the streit, which sall not budge nor remove fra the tyme of his Majesties entering within the West Port, till he pas furth of the liberties of the said toun, and that the volly to be given be the Castell of Edinburgh sall begin, and be fullie delyvered betwix the tyme of his Majesties entering upon the long gait, and his coming to the place appointed for taking of his great horse, whereupon he is to make his entrie within the said toun.

III.—THE ORDER OF KINGE CHARLES ENTRING EDINBURGH IN STAIT, AT THE WEST PORTE, AND HIS MARCHE THROUGHE THE TOUNE TO HALYRUDHOUS.—*June 15, 1633.**

Squires.

Knights.

Kings Servants of the best sorte.

Earles eldest sonnes.

Bischops in foote cloths of black velvett, viz. Dunkelden, Illis in Aberdein's place being absent, Murray, Dumblaine, Caithness, Orknay.

Viscounts.

Earls of

Lauthian	&	Lauderdaill,
Annandaill	&	Seaforte,
Roxbrughe	&	Abercorne,
Kingorne	&	Wigtone,
Dumfermline	&	Perth,
Linlithgow	&	Wintone,
Casselis	&	Eglintoune,
Buchane	&	Angus.

Archibischop of Glasgow.

Earl of Haddingtoun, Privie Seall.

Morton, Thesaurer.

Dupline, Chancellour.

Five Serjants at Arms, with ther gilded maisses.

* From a MS., Advocate's Library, in the hand-writing of Sir James Balfour.

Yorke, Herald of England.

Six Scots Heralds, two and two.

Norrey, King of Armes of England,
Maister of Requystes.

Two Gentlemen Ushers, and betwixt them
Sir James Balfour, Lyon King of Armes.
Earl Marishall.

Duke of Lennox, Great Chamberlaine of Scotland, and of his
Majestys Householde.

Earl of Erole Grate Constable of Scotland, bearing ane shaithed sword.

THE KINGS MAJESTIE,

On a grate horse, richlie furnished with caparisones, footcloth,
and sadell, embrodered with pearle and panasches
of reid and quhyte fethers.

The Marquis of Hamiltoun, Master of the Horse to his Majestie,
on ane horse richlie furnished.

Then Four Gentlemen of the Equirry,

Leading ane horse of Stait, most richlie ordered.

Then followed the Englische, two and two, in order, on grate horses.
Gentlemen of his Majesties Privie Chamber, two and two, in order.

Earle of Suffolke, Captaine of the Pensioners.

Gentlemen Pensioners, in order, with their staves.

Earle of Holland, Captaine of the Guard.

Yeomen of the Guard, two and two, in order.

June 15, 1633.

Quhen His Majestie was entred the Long-way, and all his company
and traine were commanded to march forward to the entrey of the towne,
viz. the West Port, there arose a grate contest betwixt the elder sonnes
of Earles, and the Lords of Parliament, anent the place of precedence.

So that his Majestie was forced to stand still. The Lords Dalkeith, Set-tone, Fleming, and Livingstoune, Binninge, the eldest sonnes of the Earls Morton, Wintoun, Wigton, Linlithgow, and Haddington, wald nexte preceid and goe before the Lords of Parliament, viz. Lindesay, Yester, Spynie, Burlie, and Weemes, and the remanent of them. The business being agitat in his Majesties presence, a longe tyme *hinc inde*, in presence of the Duck of Lennox, Marques of Hamiltoun, Lord Chancellour, Thesaurer, and Privie Seal and quholle remanent of the Scotts and English Nobilitie, His Sacred Majestie ordained the Lords Earles eldest sonnes, to preceid and take place before the Lords of Parliament in all places, and at all tymes heirafter, Parliaments and Generall Counsells only excepted.

Jun. 24.

The Kingis Majestie went to Chappel in Staite, being St Johnes Baptists day, and ther solemlie offered, and after the offeringe, heallid one hundred persons of the cruells (or Kingis Evil), young and old.

And thus went they to and from Chappell.

Nobility, two and two in order,

Six Maissers with their maisses

Six Pursuivants,

Six Heraulds,

Two Serjeants at Armes of England,

Master of Requystes,

Two Gentlemen Ushers,

Lyone King of Armes,

Sword,

Born by the Marquis of Hamiltoun,

KINGIS MAJESTIE.

King Charles the Second.

NOTICES FROM THE RECORDS OF THE TOWN-COUNCIL, RELATIVE TO HIS MAJESTY'S WELCOME AND RECEPTION.—
1650.

July 5, 1650.

The quhilk day Sir James Stewart, provest, Patrick Kings welcome. Thomson, Robert Lockhart, baillies, &c. being convened in counsell, Appoynjis the baillie John Bynnie, Dean of Gild, George Suittie, James Ruchied, David Wilkie, Johnne Denham, James Ellies, James Borthwick, Gilbert Sommervell, and Michael Gibbsone, to be a committee of the counsell to advyse upon the best way for peymet of the tounis proportioum of the fourscoir thousand merkis for the chairges of the Kings hous; As also, to advyse quhat is incumbent to be done at this tyme be the good toun for welcomeing the Kings Majestie, and wpon the best wey of defraying the expensis therof, and to report their opinions, and to convein the counsell extraordinarie for that effect.

July 9. 1650.

The quhilk day, Sir James Stewart, provest, &c. being convened in counsell, appoynatis the provest and sex utheris of the counsell to be sent to the King to congratulat his Majesties arryvell, and invite him to this brugh, quherof four merchandis and twa craftes, and these persones to be chosen to morrow, And sieing the counsell finds it a necessitie that some considerable soume of money be advanced for defrayeing the expensis of the Kings comeing to this toun, Thairfoir doe appoyn that the counsell convein to morrow morneing tymeous, and that ilk baillie wairne the nighbouris in ther owen quarteris to be present at the counsell to advyse with them upoun the best way for raiseing therof.

July 10, 1650.

The quhilk day, Sir James Stewart, provest, &c. toge-<sup>Consent
of the
neighbours</sup>ther with a number of the nighbouris, Andro Sympsoun,<sup>anent the
inviting of</sup> &c. and many utheris being convened in counsell.<sup>his Ma-
jestie, &c.</sup> Forsameikle as the counsell with the nighbouris conveind taking to their serious consideratioun, That now the Kings Majestie being come to this kingdome by the good providence of God, throw many difficulties and dangeris, and haveing given all satisfacioun to the desyres of this kirk and kingdome for the good of reli-

gion and the peace and securitie of his kingdoms, That therfoir there lyeth upoun this citie a dewtie to congratulat his Majesties safe arryveall to this his auncient kingdome, and to invite his Majestie to this citie, and to welcome and resave his Majestie quhen he shall be pleased to come to the same with all honorabill solemnities can be thought upon ; that no dewtie, honor, nor testimonie of respect, loyaltie, or affectioun, may be wanting to his Majestie, quhich wes done to any of his predecessors. And the wholl nighbouris conceiving themselfis bund in dewtie to contribute to the uttermost of their estates, quhat shall be necessarie or fitting to testifie thair loyaltie, affectioun, and cordiall respects to his Majestie, and that in such maner as shall be most for the credite and honor of this his Majesties auncient and metropolitane citie, did most unanimouslie and cheirfullie refer to the counsell to determine, in their wisdome, the manner of his Majesties invitatioun, reception and welcome, with all solemnities and honorarie acknowledgments necessarie, and the soumes of money to be bestowed, expendit, and debursit therupon, with the way and maner how the samen soumes shall be raised and repayed, consenting to the borrowing of such soumes of money as the Counsell shall find necessarie for the purposes afoirsaid. Quherupoun the counsell, efter mature deliberatioun, finding it ne-

cessarie for the honor of this brugh, that a certaine soume of money be borrowed for the honorabill ends afoirsaid, and resolving to keep within the chairges expendit in former tymes upon the lyk occasioun, in respect of the present burdens lying upoun the brugh, and upon the wholl kingdome, doe conclude and determine, that the wholl expensis towards the Kings honorabill invitation, reception, and welcome, sall not exceid fyftie thousand merkis. And siclik, the nighbouris befoir named, understanding the necessitie of hastening the perfyting of the fortificatiounis of Leith for the weelfare of this brugh and this part of the kingdome, in respect of the approch of the Sectarian armie to this kingdome, doe consent to the borrowing of fifteen hundreth pund Sterling, for compleiting of the saids fortificatiounis : And finallie, the nighbouris being informed that the reparatioun of the castle, and uther necessaries for the publict service, there will be a necessitie of present advance of a considerable part of the tounes proportioun of the fourscoir of thousand merkis imposed upoun the burrowis, in lieu of their proportioun of the levie of horse, extending the said proportioun to the soume of twentie eight thousand aught hundreth merkis, quwhich is to be payed be the nighbouris in the maner accustomed in former levies ; Thairfor, they also consent to the borrowing of such partis of the

said twentie eight thousand aught hundred merkis, as the committee of estates urge, to be payed and advanced presentlie, in respect they fear the said soume will not be gotten in tymeouslie from the nichbouris: All quwhich being seriously considered be the Counsell, Thairfoir, with consent as is afoirsaid, they doe appoyn特 the thesaurer to borrow money for the severall ends and uses befoirmentionat, and that the Lord Provest, Baillies, Dean of Gild, Thesaurer, and commoun Clerk, subscryve bands in name of the good toun therupoun, Quheranent thir presents sall be their warrand.

The same day electis Sir James Stewart, Lord Provest, Robert Fowlis, Robert Lockhart, Baillies, James Rucheid, David Wilkie, merchandis, James Borthwick, and Gilbert Sommervell, of the counsell, to goe in commissioun to his Majestie at Falkland, and to congratulat his Majesties comeing, and to invite him to this burgh, Quheranent thir presents sall be their warrand.

July 31.

The same day the Counsell being informed that the Kings Majestie haveing come laitle to Leith unexpectiedlie, is advysed to remove from thence, for the saftie of his Royall persone, in respect of the neirnes of the enemie to that place. Whairfoir they appoyn特 the

Baillie John Binnie and Robert Lockhart to goe to Leith, and be advice of Mr Robert Dowglas, and others of our ministers, to learne if his Majestie intendis to come to this toun befoir his pairting from this syde of the watter. And quhen his Majestie shall come to this toun, ordaines the soume of twentie thousand merkis to be given be the Provest to his Majestie at the Port, as a testimonie of their humble respects and loyall affectioun to his Majestie, and of ther reddines to offer up their lyfis and fortounes for his Majesties service, in the preservatioun of religioun, king, and kingdome, and ordaines the thesaurer to have the said soume in reddines out of the first end of the money borrowed fra the nighbouris, and that he prepaire all uther things necessarie for his Majestie's honorabill welcome and receptioun in this brugh quhen he comes, as can be done upoun this present unexpected occasioun, Quhereanent thir presents shall be to him a sufficient warrand.

Aug. 7.

The same day ordaines the thesaurer, John Liddell, to pay to William Shaw, merchand, four hunder threttie thrie pund sexten shilling aught penyes, for the expensis of the desert bestowed upon his Majestie, on Fryday last, the second of this instant, conforme to the accompt therof, Quhereanent thir presents shall be his warrand.

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